

INSIDE CELEBRITY



"Survivor: Guatemala" finished its run on Sunday. While SA graduate Rafe Judkins wasn't the survivor, he won the hearts of many. Pages 20, 21.

LEND A PAW

Our series continues with a visit to a local foster family who has cared for cats and kittens on behalf of Animal Friends. See Page 3.

SPORTS



Quaker Valley boys' basketball star Ryan Courneen now holds the school record for career three-pointers. See Page 31.

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AN OSBORNE WELCOME



NATASHA GREEN looks on as David and Jane Cotton decorate the arch in Osborne along Beaver Street.

Photo by Laura Halleman

REGION

Demolition at Dixmont raises new concerns

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

The old Dixmont Hospital in Kilbuck Township is in the process of being cleared to make way for a retail mall and Wal-Mart Super Center, but as has been the case since 2002, the development is not going up without a fight from a local organization.

As ASC Development Inc., owners of the property, and its contractors tear down the decaying buildings on the Dixmont site along Route 65 and begin the process of moving dirt and cutting into the steep hillside, concern has now shifted to contaminants in the soil, as well as in the buildings that have already or will soon come down.

And the next step is blasting at the site, something that one group sees as a potential hazard for surrounding communities.

Since its inception in 2002, Communities First!, a 501c3 organization comprised of residents of 20 towns along the Ohio River, has opposed the development of the retail mall, known as Rivertowne Plaza, and Wal-Mart Super Center at the site due to negative impacts they believe it would have on the community.

Yet, Communities First co-chair Bob Keir said, while the group opposes the big box development that is proposed for the site due to a lengthy list of concerns, they are open to alternative development that is better suited for the site and environment.

"We are not anti-development. We simply believe that

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SPOTLIGHT

Sims family opens home to cats young and old

By Dona S. Dreeland

Editor

S miles come with success. But not in the Sims family household in Ohio Township.

Succeeding at being a foster family for Animal Friends brings tears, lots of tears.



PART FOUR OF FIVE

In one year, Becky and her daughter Abbie (dad Reed and sister Amanda, too) have given lots of love to many cats and kittens they have taken in.

A little scrapbook holds all the pictures of the sweet but needy creatures they have cared for. There's even a letter from one adoptive family.

Lilo and Stitch, a brother and sisters, came first. They stayed for two weeks and were healthy kittens ready for adoption after they were spayed and neutered.

Becky cried when she returned the duo to the shelter.

Furball and Chester came next. They were sickly, needing eyedrops and five other medications.

For 11 weeks, they lived in the upstairs bathroom, a safe, comfortable and easily cleanable space inside the Ritter Road home.

Foster families may give health to the little creatures or socialization skills to older cats who find their way into the Animal Friends' system and then into permanent homes of other animal lovers.

"It's good to be a foster family. It's good to have a house," says Abbie, a 10 year old who has always been fascinated with animals, wild and domestic.

The Friends' mission is to "enhance the lives of thousands of animals and people each year with non-traditional programming." A no-kill shelter, Animal Friends was founded in 1943.

Located in Pittsburgh's Strip District, the shelter provides cage space for 160 dogs and cats. A new center on 13.5 wooded acres on Camp Horne Road will open this spring.

Good foster care and adoption begin with volunteers like Abbie and her family.

Her home is filled with creatures of all kinds — Maggie, the Labrador retriever, has been a much loved pet for all of Abbie's years; Jinxy, a Cairn



ALEX, THE tabby, is the newest addition to the Sims household. He enjoys the attention of mom Becky and daughter Abbie. Murray, a long-time pet (at right), just lets the kitten have his fun — sometimes.

Photos by
D.S. Dreeland



terrier, shares their living space; Murray, an 18-pound adult cat, naps and lets the active family go on about its business. Then there's Abbie's goldfish, turtle and hermit crabs.

The newest addition to their home is Alex, a 5-month-old tabby with yellow eyes and the crazy curiosity of a kitten.

"Alex loves water," Abbie says.

The little guy showers with her sometimes. He even leapt into the whirlpool when her dad was relaxing there.

"Alex gives kisses," Abbie says. "He has a rough tongue and claws that can hurt."

With kisses and playful bites, Alex has found a home, making the Simses "foster failures."

The kitten and his sister found the

Sims' open door very welcoming. The kittens had been abused and needed a decent place to find their cat-ness and confidence.

Becky made a return call to the shelter the day after their fostering time had ended.

Alex's personality was loving and lively. And he had made an impression.

"We fell in love with him," says Becky. "He's so independent, but he sleeps beside me and is with me at the computer as I type."

Alex, the kitten, at 3-4 pounds, purrs loudly as Murray, the 12-year-old Tom cat, who was rescued from a veterinary clinic, stretches out on another couch.

Along the way, before Alex, Becky and Abbie volunteered to care for a

pregnant cat. Velvet was regal and a little stand-offish when she came to their home.

While Animal Friends provides food and medicine to all of their foster families, Becky and Abbie gave very special care to the soon-to-be mom. In days, she gave birth to the kittens in the master bedroom closet as Becky slept outside the door.

Becky had prepared a place for birthing, but soft towels inside a box weren't enough. Neither was a plastic swimming pool. What Velvet needed was privacy.

"I turned a quarter of the closet into a haven," she remembers.

Seven kittens were born; five survived. Becky heard each little yipping cry in the middle of the night as the kittens came into the world.

From June 23 to Sept. 5, Velvet and her brood took shelter. The Sims' home was a land of adventure to the kittens. They were everywhere and all at once.

When Velvet and her babies went off to adoption, there were tears again.

"It's so rewarding," says Becky, "taking care of them with all the different personalities. They go to good homes and are happy."

She writes a foster report when she returns each cat to the shelter. She records their food interests and comments on their litter habits and their quirks.

"It's fun and good to learn more about the animals," says Abbie. "It makes me feel good that I'm helping an animal." At least it makes me feel good."

Abbie helps to feed and play with all of the cats who have visited, while mom takes care of the litter boxes.

Even with dance, piano and horseback riding lessons, Abbie plans to volunteer at the new Animal Friends' shelter, just a short distance from their home.

"Liking animals makes you a better person. It makes you a friendlier person," Abbie says.

One day, she hopes to be a veterinarian — after she overcomes her fear of blood and causing pain to creatures.

A top bunk full of stuffed animals has given her some cuddly connections.

Murray, Alex and all the rest of the animals who settled in for a time in the Sims' home were lucky to find a caring place inside Abbie's dreams.

To find out how to become an Animal Friends Foster Parent, call 412-566-2103. Training is provided for each volunteer. Food, medications and veterinary support are supplied.

Council president steps down

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

Leetsdale Borough Council began its reorganization a month early after council president Linda Sovich stepped down from her post amid discussions by other council members that she is not the best suited for the position.

Although Sovich was unable to attend last week's council meeting because she was out of town, she made available to residents copies of a letter announcing her decision to step down as president.

"Although I have not been approached by any members asking to give up the seat, it has been brought to my attention that 'they' plan to reorganize but lack the integrity to discuss it openly," Sovich stated in the letter.

She added, "...I am disappointed that 'they' don't have enough respect for me to allow this process to be discussed as a group."

Sovich also thanked council

LEETSDALE

cil members Lynn Kohlmeier and Sandy Ford for their work and commitment to council. Both Ford's and Kohlmeier's terms on council end this month.

Leetsdale council's reorganization meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 3; however, council member Roger Nanni said he will now act as president.

"We're not reorganizing to get rid of Linda. We're reorganizing for the sake of council," said Nanni.

"I've known Linda for over 40 years. I think she did a good job in a number of ways, but the dynamics of council are going to change."

Nanni said other council members chose him as president of council due to his knowledge of the laws governing boroughs. He said he hopes to add more structure to council meetings when residents have concerns.

"Rather than debating it right here in front of council, I feel that if there is a problem with an employee or something, it needs to be investigated before we talk about it," he said.

"Linda tried to solve every problem, but we can't put the whole town in jeopardy to solve one problem."

Sovich, who has two years remaining in her term on council, said she believed that every resident has the right to be heard if they have a concern and that a council meeting is the appropriate arena to voice concerns.

"I did my best to make every resident feel that we cared about their problems, and I will continue to make sure the borough is maintained for the good of every resident," said Sovich.

"I am still on council and will fight for residents' rights."

Nanni has not yet officially been elected council president, but said he has the backing of other council members.

SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS

Recycling center success

Members of Sewickley Heights Borough Council are experiencing great success with their recycling program.

Here is the text of a letter, written by Paula Sculley, Jim Cosman, Dr. Barbara Clark and Mayor David Genter, that was sent to borough residents.

Since the Sewickley Heights recycling program started on Oct. 1, more than 20,000 pounds of glass, plastic, paper and metal cans have been recycled.

This amounts to better than 100 cubic yards of recyclables that did not go to a land fill.

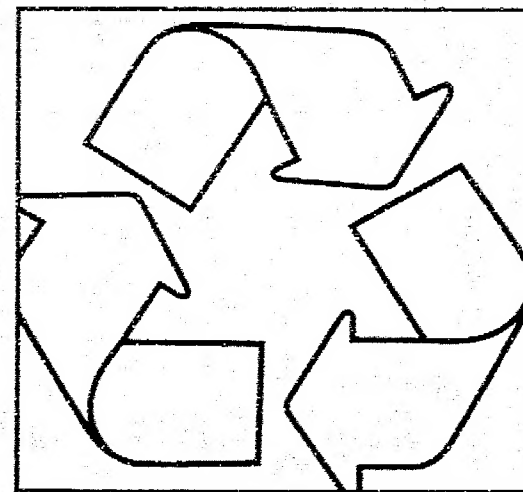
There has been a question as to whether or not this material is actually being recycled since all of the items are co-mingled.

We have inspected the recycling facility, Unipaper Recycling, and can positively assure those who expressed concern that Unipaper does recycle, shipping boxcar loads of material out of their Carnegie plant daily.

The products we recycle are — cans (aluminum and tin), plastic #1 and #2 (the numbers are located on the bottom of the container in the recycling triangle), glass (any color and the labels need not be removed) and paper.

Paper can be cardboard, newspaper, junk mail, magazines, holiday wrappings, computer paper and cereal boxes.

Cardboard boxes should be



crushed before disposal.

The center now has a "glass only" container. By taking the glass out of the general recycled material, we increase the value of the remaining product.

A bulletin board will be erected in the area of the dumpster so those wishing to swap items can post their needs or items they have available.

Response has been very favorable, and we encourage those who are not recycling to join those who are.

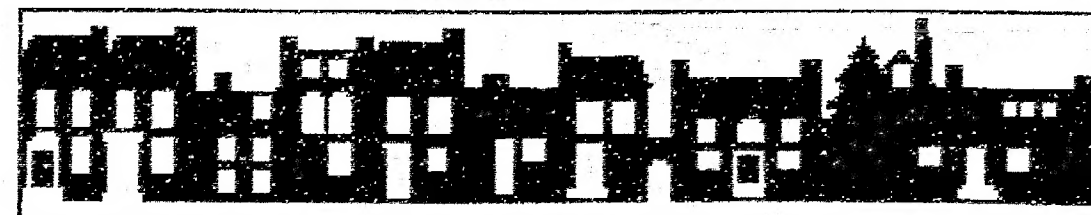
The recycling site is located at the Sewickley Heights Maintenance Building on Fern Hollow Road. The site is open seven days a week during daylight hours.

Dale Sneed will pick up the material at your home for a slight fee.

Remember to...

- Crush all cardboard
- Separate the glass from other recyclables
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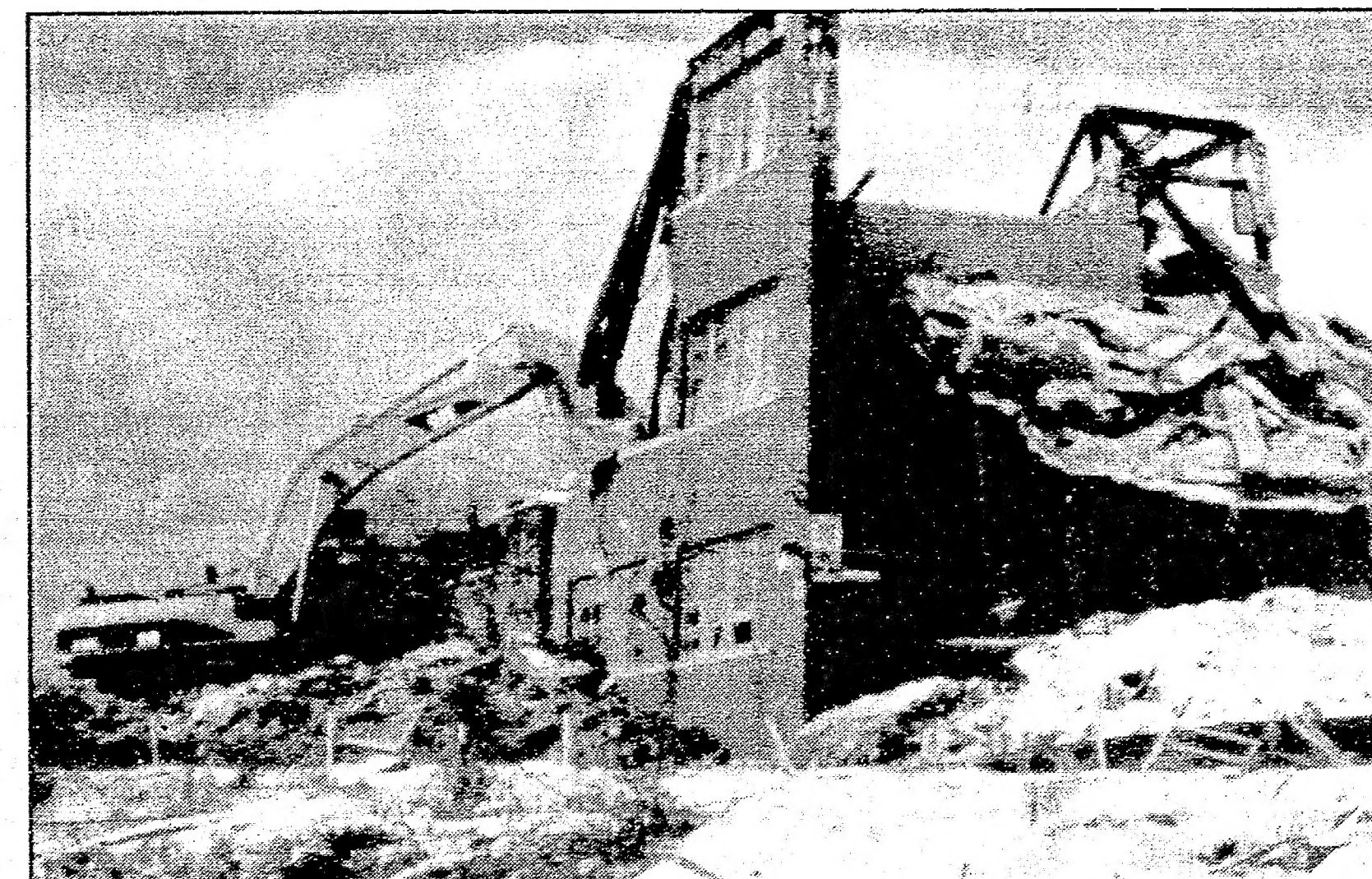
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4) Letters to the editor must include signature of the author and phone number for verification purposes.

No unverified letters will be printed.

Letters are subject to editing for space constraints and content considerations.

REGION



A BUILDING at the old Dixmont Hospital is torn down to make way for a retail mall and Wal-Mart Super Center.

Photo by Laura Halleman

Group asks for on-site inspector

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the developers of this site must be held accountable due to the risk involved when it comes to the health and welfare of the residents and towns around the site," said Keir.

"In terms of the traffic influx that will occur on Route 65 as a result of this development and other concerns, we feel that this site is not the place for this development."

At issue is whether or not the Dixmont site was ever properly cleaned of environmental contaminants.

In 1995, Camp, Dresser and McKee (CDM) conducted a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment.

The study showed detailed soil samples that were taken from various areas of the Dixmont site, often at a depth of five feet.

Groundwater samples, as well as building samples and on-site debris analysis also were performed.

The environmental assessment revealed a number of hazardous contaminants on the Dixmont site, in excess of statewide health standards. These included, but were not limited to, arsenic, DDT, lead, chromium, benzopyrene, beryllium and mercury.

Underground storage tanks at the site showed high concentrations of diesel range petroleum and hydrocarbons.

Asbestos was found in almost every building on site.

Conclusions of the Phase II assessment stated "remediation of soil and groundwater, removal of solid waste (debris) and asbestos abatement will be required at Dixmont."

Despite this study, DEP issued a blasting

permit this month to Penn Development Services Inc., an excavation company out of Uniontown, for the site.

According to the blasting application, DEP has approved blasting at the Dixmont site from sun up to sun down, for a term of one year from the start date.

When asked if he knew of hazardous contaminants at the site, Bill Shuss, DEP blasting expert and the individual who approved the Dixmont site-blasting permit, said he was unaware of this, but if there were, he said he "assumed they would be removed."

"I met with the contractor and told him that there is to be no fugitive dust leaving the site to minimize any upheaval into the atmosphere," said Shuss.

John Atwood, president of ASC Development Inc., said there were no special conditions placed on the blasting permit.

"They obviously don't issue blasting permits unless we are fully compliant," said Atwood.

Written on the permit as a special condition to blasting on the site, however, is the phrase, "Blasting in areas known to have contaminated soils is prohibited. Dust from blasting may not leave the site."

Atwood said the Phase II study mentioned previously is outdated and a study done in 2002 is accurate.

The Phase I Environmental Site Assessment prepared for ASC Development Inc., by Civil and Environmental Technologies, LLC (CEC) in 2002, was done prior to the land's purchase by ASC, when Ralph Stroyne still owned the land.

In this study, the 1995 study was dispelled by

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At Christmas, all through the year

Peace that passeth all understanding

By Edith Hughes

Executive editor

The opinion below ran in the newspaper on Dec. 19, 1984, the year Christmas was on a Tuesday. It seems appropriate to reprint it at this time in conjunction with our Christmas series, "Creature Comforts," which reminds us we are all part of God's creation.

It was one of the darkest, if not the darkest, day in my life.

I didn't bother to turn on the lights when I got home. Instead, I sat in the dark in the dining room ... alone.

Through the darkness, a paw touched my knee.

Somehow, 80 pounds had come into the room with nary a sound ... quite a feat for a big, clumsy black lab who was always falling over his own paws.

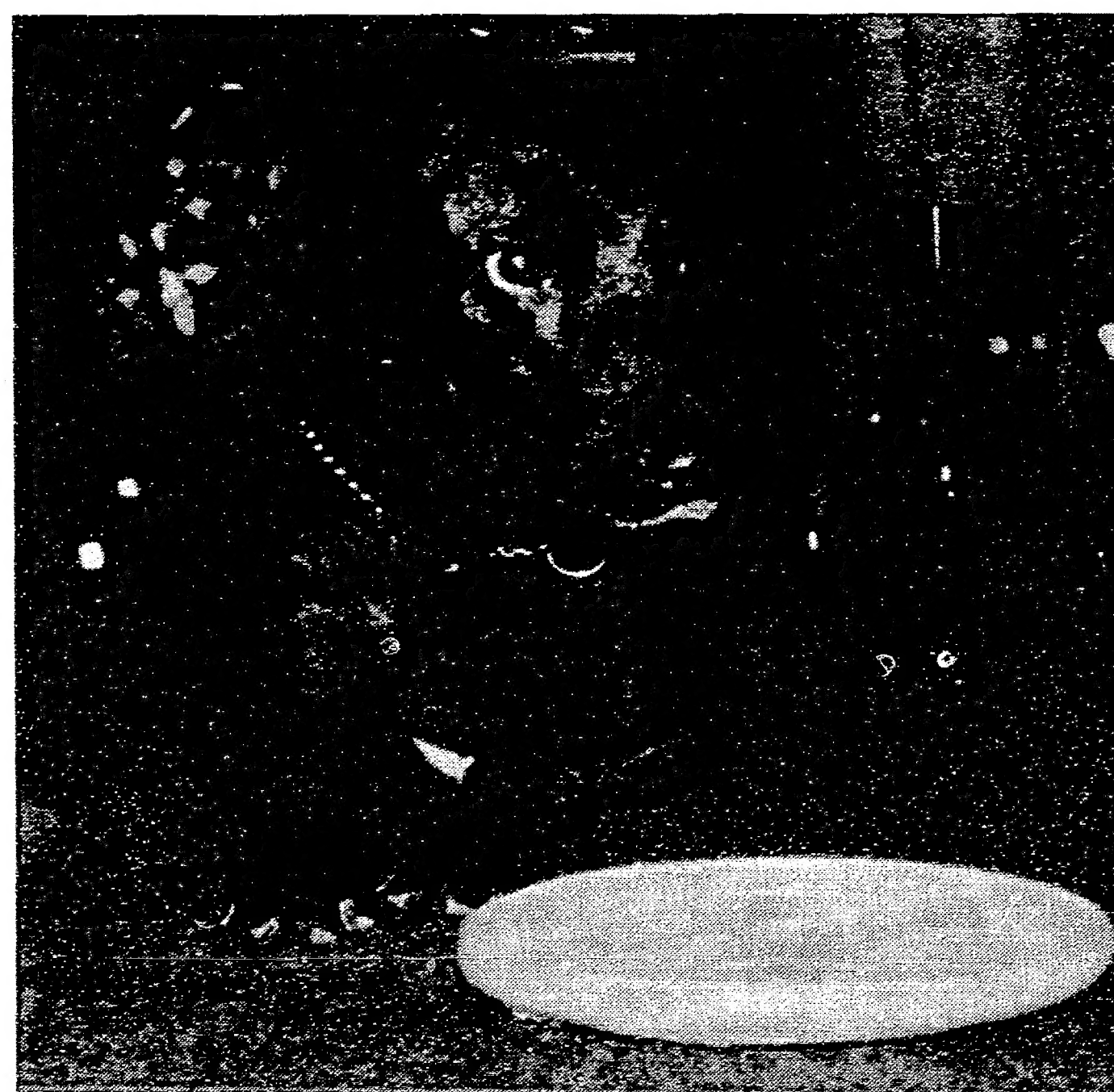
No one had to tell Hugh silence was needed. He instinctively knew as he also knew there was a need for comfort. His paw was his way of giving it, saying I know, I'm here.

I thought about that night as I sat on a hospital floor two weeks ago, patting Hugh through the open door of a cage as he lay with death beckoning.

He didn't know me, he didn't move, still alive because the veterinarians had advised to spare the needle of death and give him a chance with his life signs showing improvement, though barely, each day.

Hugh had been brought to the hospital three nights before following a seizure. The next morning a more violent one had struck, leaving him debilitated and with an IV instilled in his leg.

I continued to sit and pat his head with no thought of time. It wasn't a duty, repaying him for sitting with me on that dark night three and a



HUGH WITH his beloved Frisbee

half years ago.

It was something I wanted to do. And even, if in his consciousness, he didn't know who I was, I knew in his spirit he knew.

The night before, when I was sure his spirit was about to depart, I had whispered, "Say hi for me to Marvie and Prissie," my first dog and cat who had preceded him in death.

I didn't know family members had heard me and had gone out to hide the tears.

I hadn't said it to be sentimental, to cause tears but because I believe it. I know when my spirit is released, my pets will be there to greet me in

heaven.

Heresy? A fairy tale? Wishful thinking? I don't think so, even though a minister got very angry with me when I asked, after Marvie died, if animals went to heaven.

I know they do because they have a spirit. And what a joyful spirit it is. Initially, I didn't want Marvie, Prissie or Hugh. Each, though, was adopted as a baby into the family for the kids. But each softened my heart with the love they gave.

Sitting on the hospital floor with Hugh, I was at peace. I even talked with the other patients — the proud kitty who was trying to maintain her

dignity in a cage; the lost, four-month old puppy who did all kinds of tricks so I'd take him home; the big dog who looked so lonely, caged and without his master.

They all responded. Their needs are so little and yet so big — someone to love and someone to love them. They have the simplicity of a little child — uncorrupted by the world.

I couldn't help but remember "...Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." (Mark 10:15).

And I thought how I and the rest of the world have grown so far away from being like a little child — trusting, loving, believing, innocent.

There in the animal hospital I knew why I felt peace. I was surrounded by those qualities — no anger, cruelty, man's inhumanity to man, evil.

Next Tuesday is Christmas Day, the birth of the Saviour who has given all of us heaven, despite our loss of being as a little child.

And the same Jesus was born in a stable with animals. Somehow, it seems fitting. The Son of the Creator at birth was with his creation, simple animals like the sheep who follow the Shepherd.

Next Tuesday, Hugh won't be with his family for Christmas, having gone home to his Creator on Saturday after being home with us for six days.

But he, Marvie and Prissie always were and will be a constant reminder there is a God, with their simple loving spirit — loving no matter what I did, said, in anger, sickness, sorrow or good times. Just loving me for me, just as God does.

This is the peace that passeth all understanding. May you have this peace this Christmas and always.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Watchdog groups asks for inspector during blasting

Dear Editor:

Within the next few weeks, ASC Development, based in Emsworth, and Wal-Mart will commence to relocate 1.2 million cubic yards of rock from the rear of the old Dixmont Hospital site to the front of the property.

They will use this rock to build a flat enough area to construct the mall.

The Grading Permit that was issued by Kilbuck Township says the approximate height of the fill may reach 200 feet. As they prepare to move this rock, they will first have to drill holes in the ground, fill them with explosives and blast the mountain apart.

The Dixmont Hospital property was a dumping ground for all manner of potentially harmful chemicals.

The Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Report, authored by Camp Dresser and McKee way back in 1996 when the property was still owned by the state, says there are many areas on the site with high levels of lead, chromium, nickel, mercury, copper, silver, zinc and arsenic.

There are also hard to pronounce chemicals buried on the property like benzo(b)-fluoranthene and pyrene, as well as pesticides, including DDT.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has already issued the blasting permit, but in the comment section of the permit it lists some stringent environmental conditions: "Blasting in areas known to have contaminated soils is prohibited. Dust from blasting may not leave site."

This is a large property and no one can possibly know where everything is buried, or what contaminants may have been dumped illegally on the property since then without the knowledge of the former owners.

Communities First! wants to know who will be inspecting the site to enforce the conditions of the permit?

Who is responsible for

marking out the contaminated areas?

What will happen to the contaminated soils after they are removed?

Will these contaminants indeed be carefully removed or simply buried on site under tons of rock where they could potentially leach into the ground water?

How will the contractors ensure that contaminated dust does not leave the site?

Do the contractors' employees know the full extent of the problem, and are they prepared to protect themselves from the contamination?

We do not want the contractors to self-police. This is like allowing the fox to guard the hen house.

We ask that a full time inspector be assigned to the project by the DEP or the Allegheny County Health Department to enforce the conditions of the permit.

Someone from a governmental agency has to be in complete charge of the compliance.

The Allegheny County Health Department revoked the permit to burn trees and brush in October because the contractor Wal-Mart hired could not control the smoke and ash. All trees and brush must now be chipped and hauled away.

Since Wal-Mart bought the major portion of the property in September, there have been at least three mysterious fires in buildings slated for demolition.

If the world's largest corporation could not do something easy like burning brush according to regulations, and maintaining adequate on-site security to keep their buildings from catching on fire; how can it be trusted to do something harder and more dangerous like ensuring the health and safety of local residents as they blow the mountain apart?

For this, we ask for the most stringent of oversight by the appropriate government agencies.

Bob Keir, co-chair Communities First!

HARRISBURG

Mustio to recognize WWII veterans

Rep. Mark Mustio (R-Allegheny County) is looking for information on World War II veterans living in the 44th Legislative District in order to recognize them for their service to the nation.

"I want to honor America's 'Greatest Generation' because the number of World War II veterans is decreasing with each passing day," Mustio said.

"We must never forget or take for granted the sacrifices that those brave men and

women have made so that all of us can enjoy the freedoms we have today. My desire is to see that all World War II veterans in the 44th Legislative District are recognized."

Local World War II veterans are encouraged to contact Mustio's Moon Township district office at 412-262-3780 and provide the following information: Name, home address and phone number along with rank, branch of service and time of service.

Mustio also encourages

anyone who knows a family member or a friend who should be recognized to telephone his office with the veteran's information.

Mustio's legislative district is comprised of: Aleppo, Ben Avon Heights, Collier Township (Wards 01 and 02), Edgeworth, Findlay, Haysville, Kilbuck, Moon, North Fayette, Ohio, Osborne, Robinson Township (Districts 7, 8 and 9), Sewickley, Sewickley Heights and Sewickley Hills.

CREATURE COMFORTS

Animal Friends, Animal Rescue League and Western Pennsylvania Humane Society are in a constant search for funding and helping hands to care for thousands of animals passing through their shelters each year. With no local, county, state or even federal money, these animal advocates rely on the public's empathy and generosity.

At Gateway Newspapers we are not only working with these groups in their missions but we are also offering our readers a chance to be a part of the job being done. Our offices are collecting donations of products that are continually in demand at the shelters. The gathered items will be divided and delivered to the three sites.

ANIMAL NEEDS

Cat litter
Dog and cat treats
Food - Cat (kitten), dog (puppy), rabbit, ferret and bird
Grooming aides - shampoo, brushes, scissors and clippers
New 10" and larger nylon collars, and 6' leashes; choke collars
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Scratching posts
Bandanas
15 x 15 crochet cat cage blankets
Stainless steel or Teflon pans for cat litter pans - 2 inch deep
Timothy hay
Corn cob bedding
Stainless steel feeding bowls
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ANIMAL HEALTH NEEDS

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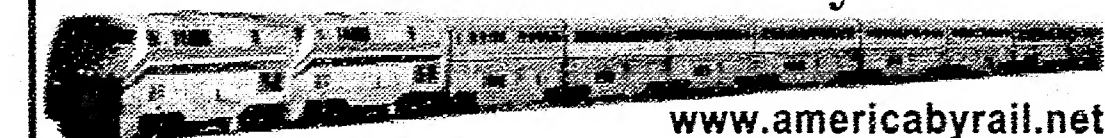
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Council adopts no-increase budget

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

Leetsdale council unanimously adopted the \$1.7 million 2006 budget that will keep the borough's real estate taxes at 8.6 mills, as well as several new ordinances last week.

Most important to homeowners is the adoption of the Homestead/Farmstead ordinance.

Under the ordinance, the initial \$25,000 in assessed value of an owner-occupied residence would be exempt from county real estate property taxation.

Also adopted was a rental-housing ordinance.

Under the ordinance, owners of tenant occupied dwellings will be required to pay a registration fee, with a single family dwelling fee set at \$50 and a two-family dwelling set at \$75.

The rental ordinance stemmed from council and resident concerns over abandoned properties, as well as possible illegal activity in and around tenant occupied dwellings.

The ordinance calls for stricter guidelines and penalties to property owners who rent to individuals including maintenance of dwellings, prompt reply to complaints from tenants and the borough within 48 hours.



Tenants also are obligated to comply with all codes and ordinances in the borough and "shall not engage in any conduct on the leased premises which is declared illegal...nor shall the tenant permit others on the premises to engage in such conduct," states the rental ordinance.

An amendment to the borough's zoning ordinance is still under review.

One issue of contention is whether or not decks and swimming pools should be considered permanent fixtures.

Council member Roger Nanni said a decision on the zoning ordinance would be ready by February.

In other Leetsdale news:

■ Council approved Police Chief Sean Fleming's contract with the borough. Under the contract, Fleming's 2006 annual salary is \$64,496.

■ Council took no action on a request by Sewickley for the borough to adopt a resolution indicating support for the Sewickley Valley Rivers Conservation and Management Plan with the DCNR.

The grant would encompass 11 municipalities and create funding for watershed management.

When the issue was brought up at Leetsdale's meeting last week, acting council president Roger Nanni said, "We went down that path with them (Sewickley) once. Do we really want to go down it again?"

Council member Paul Scimio responded, "No, on to new business."

■ Leetsdale fire department was awarded a Federal grant of \$243,000, with a match of \$12,150, to purchase a new fire engine.

The new engine will be in service by next summer.

REGION

Studies disagree on site contaminants

Continued from Page 1

CBC after a review "concluded that additional investigations and remediation does not appear to be warranted based on the soil and groundwater data provided in the CDM report."

"Why was the contamination a problem in 1995 and no longer a problem in 2002. Did the stuff just disappear?" said Keir.

Unlike the 1995 study, the 2002 study gives no specific analysis of hazardous contaminants on the Dixmont site.

Instead, it gives a historical overview of the property and buildings and the conclusion states their findings are based on "visual and physical observations" rather than detailed analysis of soil and groundwater.

As contractors continue their work at the site, Communities First! co-chair Mary Louise Fowkes remains concerned about the project.

"When they blast, those contaminants are going to go right into the air," Fowkes said.

"They're going to have to close down Route 65. It's just a blatant disregard for the communities around here."

Atwood contends the only contaminant on the site is asbestos.

"All buildings are being removed from the site, and all asbestos from all buildings is being removed and sent to an environmental landfill.

"They will be gone before any blasting takes place," he said.

In the meantime, Atwood said they are getting a lot of interest from businesses wanting to locate in the new retail center.

"The fact that we've started down there speaks volumes."

AGENDA:

- Aleppo: 3rd Monday, 7 p.m., 100 North Dr.;
- Bell Acres: 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Big Sew. Creek Firehall;
- Edgeworth: 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Municipal Building, Beaver Road;
- Glenfield: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Riverside Park;
- Haysville: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., 34 South Ave.;
- Leet: 2nd Monday, 7:30, Municipal Building;
- Leetsdale: 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m., Municipal Building, Broad St.;
- Osborne: 3rd Tuesday, 7:30, Osborne Elementary;
- Sewickley COW: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30;
- Sewickley: 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m., in Sewickley Borough Building;
- Sewickley Heights: 3rd Monday, 4:30, Borough Hall;
- Sewickley Hills: 2nd Monday, 7:30, Fairhill Rec. Building;
- QV School Board: The board meets the 4th Tuesday for a legislative session at 8 p.m. in Quaker Valley Middle School.

New homes constructed near to Village

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

Dave Murray is offering something that hasn't been offered in quite awhile in Sewickley Borough: newly constructed homes within walking distance of the village.

Murray, a Sewickley resident, has bought a large section of property along Ferry Street, torn down a four-unit apartment building and a single family home and has replaced them with three newly constructed single family homes and three town homes.

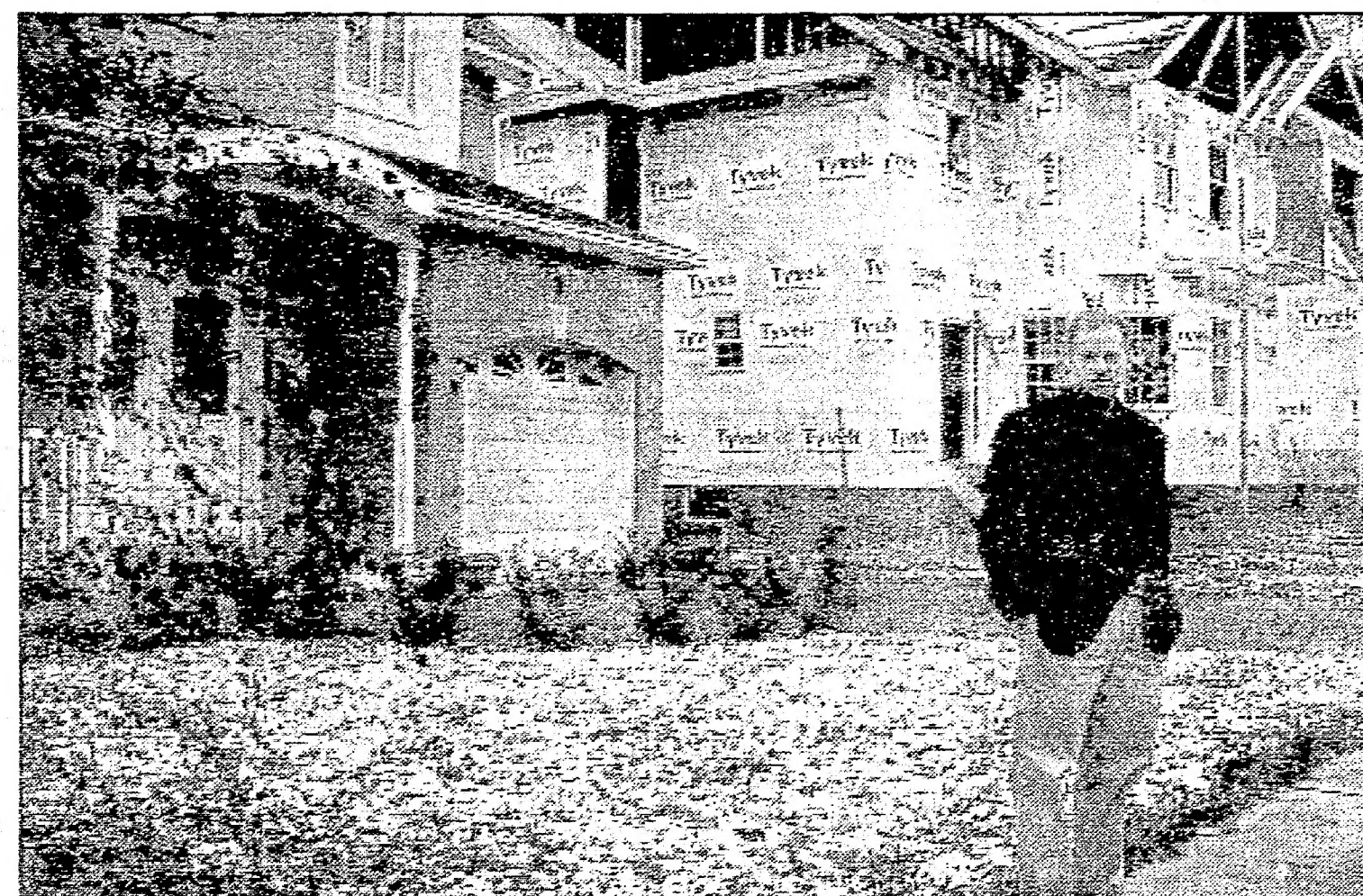
"Ferry Street was a street that was somewhat rundown in sections. I've taken some major risks in buying up a substantial part of the street," said Murray.

"I just felt there was a need for the consumer to buy new homes within walking distance from the village."

Murray purchased the property on Ferry Street in 2001 and thus far, has completed building two single-family homes and two town homes, with one single family home sold.

"Architect Walter Reuter designed the outside of the homes and has done an amazing job," said Murray.

The brick front town homes boast three bedrooms and integral garages and the single-family homes include four bedrooms, a living room, family room, dining room and several amenities.



NEW HOMES, built by Dave Murray (above), are ready for family living on Ferry Street, Sewickley.
Photo by Laura Halleman

Although it hasn't been approved yet, Murray also is considering a similar project at the corner of Centennial Avenue and Grimes Street where he has purchased six older homes.

"The community can benefit by tearing down the older homes that are in bad condition and constructing new ones," he said.

"We currently have a zoning board and a planning commission that is forward thinking and sees the benefits to new construction as long as it's done in a very classy architectural style that is fitting to Sewickley."

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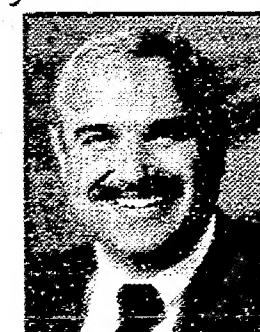
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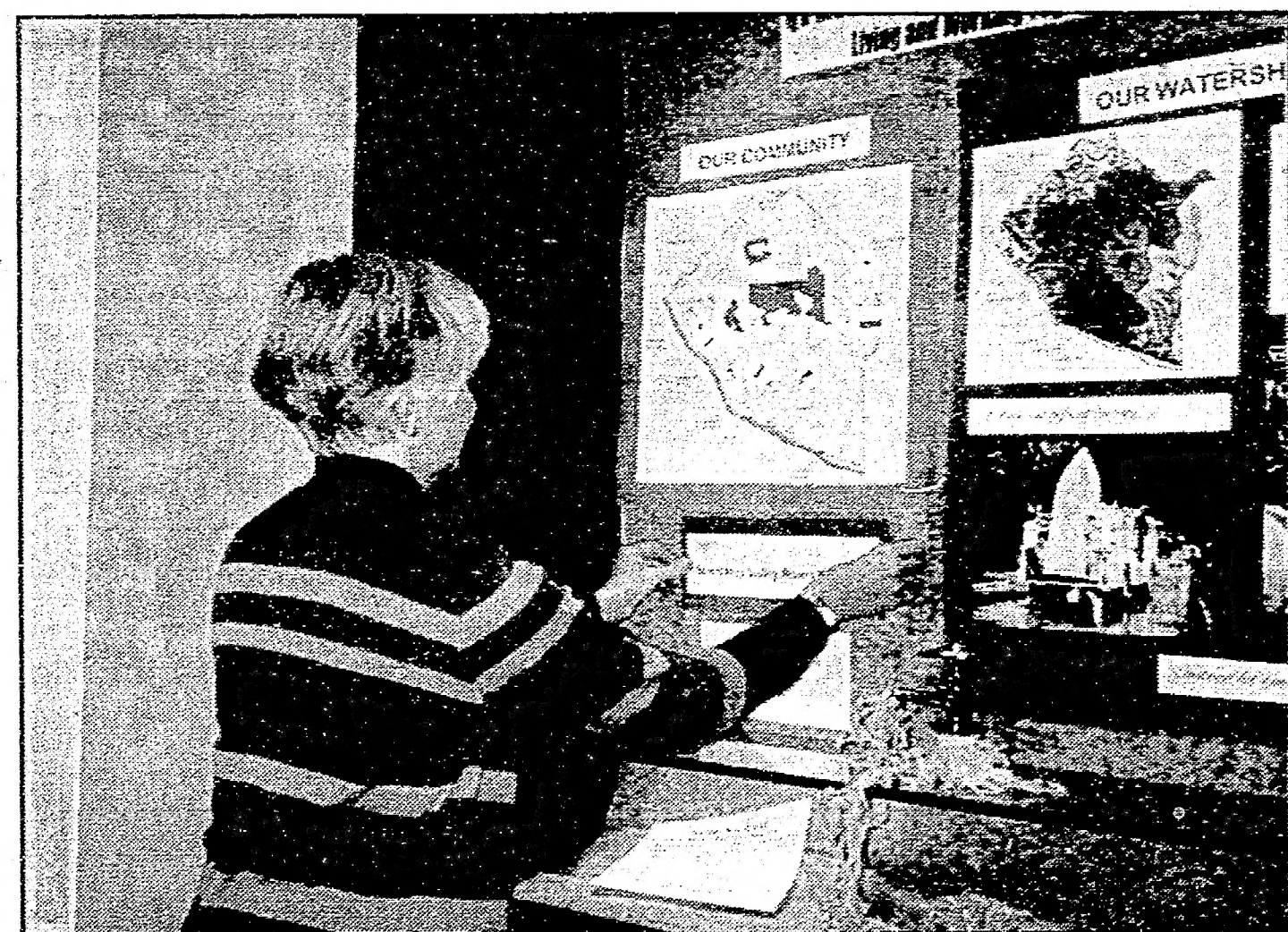
Q: What are sealants?

A: A sealant is a liquid plastic applied to a tooth to protect it against decay. The precaution is often used on molars, the back teeth that bear the brunt of the work of chewing. The sealant is applied to the occlusal, or chewing, surface of the tooth. Pits and grooves can develop in these teeth, as they can in all teeth, and that's where cavities can begin. Generally, though, if a person has made it into his or her early 20's without cavities having developed in those pits and grooves, they're not likely to develop cavities after that point. The procedure for applying a sealant is simple, safe and painless, calling for no drills or needles. The dentist dries the tooth and then etches the surface to be sealed with a mild acid that puts microscopic ridges on the tooth. The dentist then puts liquid plastic over the area and it seeps into the etched surface. Some sealants harden by themselves in less than a minute. The sealant effectively blocks bacteria from entering the tooth. Talk with your dentist about whether sealants are right for you or your family.

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CONSERVATION MATTERS



MARNIE HAINES, Village Garden Club Conservation Chair, puts the finishing touches on a community watershed display prepared by the club for viewing at the Sewickley Public Library. Conservation Committee members have been working actively with local officials to support the Sewickley Valley Rivers Proposal, which seeks to obtain a grant from the state government to inventory and assess watershed issues in the Quaker Valley's 11 municipalities. The Village Garden Club is a member of The Garden Club of America.

FYI

Dec. 19 biggest mailing day

On Monday, Dec. 19, the Sewickley Post Office and post offices nationwide will be busier than Santa's workshop.

That's because Monday, Dec. 19, will be the biggest mail delivery day of the year.

Nationwide, the Postal Service expects to handle 280 million postmarked cards and letters Monday, and millions of packages.

The Pittsburgh offices expect to handle nearly two and a half million postmarked holiday cards and letters that day.

That is two to three times the mail volume of a regular day handled by the post office.

"We expect a very busy day Monday handling all those holiday cards and packages but that's fine because we welcome all the holiday mail our customers give us," says

Debra Breuninger, local postmaster.

"We appreciate all their business. Our post office and postal workers everywhere are working diligently to make sure the mail is delivered on time."

To have holiday packages arrive by Christmas, the mail carriers suggest using priority mail service.

Send mail by Tuesday, Dec. 21, if you are mailing out of state.

If you are mailing in state, send mail by Wed., Dec. 22.

Express mail is still available to many destinations after those dates.

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POLITICS

Swann sets January date

By Laura Helleman

Staff writer

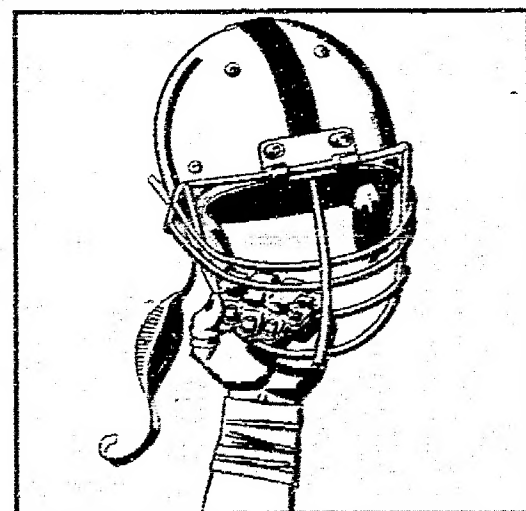
With high profile speaking engagements and the launching of a "Team 88" website, it's no secret that former Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Lynn Swann has had his eye on the Republican nomination for governor.

What has been less clear is when he will announce his candidacy.

The wait could be over.

In a postcard mailed to 15,000 of his supporters, Swann said he will make a major announcement and kick off a three day tour in Pittsburgh on Jan. 4.

Over the past few months, Swann, who is a resident of Sewickley Heights, has made known his thoughts on Gov. Ed Rendell's policies and his



"Team 88" website, named after his Steelers jersey number 88, provides information on his vision for the state.

Swann joins three other Republicans hoping to oust Rendell in 2006.

They are state Sen. Jeffrey Piccola of Dauphin County, James Panyard of Cumberland County and former Lt. Gov. William Scranton of Lackawanna County.

CAREERS

SA teacher gets board certification

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) announced that 7,289 teachers earned their profession's top recognition this year by achieving National Board Certification. Jerilyn Scott, Lower School 4th grade teacher, is one of them.

Scott's National Board Certification is the highest credential in the teaching profession and was achieved through rigorous, performance-based assessment that took more than a year to complete.

The process involved written exercises that probed the depth of her subject-matter knowledge, as well as her understanding of how to teach those subjects.

This process required Scott to demonstrate how her activities, both inside and outside of the classroom, improve student achievement.



Jerilyn Scott

"Preparing my entry portfolio," said Scott, "was the most powerful professional development experience I have had. It was a very reflective process."

"I had to defend every aspect of my practice and articulate how it contributes

to student learning.

"The emphasis was on teaching for depth of understanding and how learning can be integrated across the curriculum to support the 'big ideas' of each subject."

NBPTS is dedicated to making teaching a profession that is dedicated to student learning, while upholding high standards for professional performance.

"Teachers who earn National Board Certification represent the gold standard in teaching and are among the most effective teachers in our nation's classrooms today," said former Georgia Gov. Roy E. Barnes, chair of the NBPTS board of directors.

Scott was thrilled to receive the news after her hard work.

"I've always wanted to reach this milestone in my career. I'm so pleased to have succeeded!"

Dr. D'Antonio earns national reputation

Dr. James D'Antonio, president of the North American Hip Society and the author of numerous landmark clinical papers and speeches on hip disease and hip replacement surgery, has conducted clinical research at Sewickley Valley Hospital, a Heritage Valley Health System facility for the past 25 years.

Three of these studies have been one-of-a-kind prospective studies and include, beginning in 1988, the evaluation of the first synthetic titanium coated hip prosthesis introduced in the United States.

This titanium hip prosthesis has greater than a 17-year follow-up and is now recognized as a state-of-the-art hip implant for its long-term success.

When this implant is combined with newer bearing surfaces, there is the anticipation that total hip replacements will routinely last 20-30 years.

D'Antonio serves as lead investigator for a new study on a highly wear-resistant polyethylene, and is the co-lead investigator for a Food and Drug Administration

study on the use of ceramic bearings and titanium implants for total hip replacement surgery.

In 1996, D'Antonio and his co-investigators began the first national study using ceramic-on-ceramic bearings and in 1998 were the first to use the new generation of polyethylenes with lower wear.

These improved bearing surfaces have significantly lower wear than the metal-on-polyethylene that was used for 40 years and promises to greatly extend the longevity of hip replacement surgery.

"Through Dr. D'Antonio's groundbreaking clinical research and development of new hip replacement implants, he has set the standard for state-of-the-art hip replacement surgery," said Norm Mitry, president and CEO of Heritage Valley Health System.

"We are very proud of his leadership efforts."

Surgeons and researchers around the world travel to Sewickley Valley Hospital to visit, study and work with D'Antonio.

"I have been fortunate to work with some of the leading hip surgeons in North America and with Sewickley Valley Hospital," said D'Antonio.

"The administration has always supported me and supplied me with the proper tools to be a successful surgeon and conduct meaningful research."

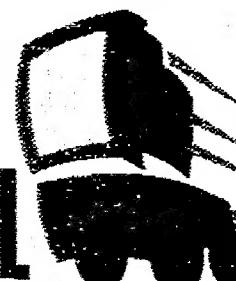
D'Antonio has been published in more than 30 different journals and books, served as chairman for major hip meetings nationally and internationally and has presented more than 140 clinical papers and speeches throughout his career.

"He has also been instrumental in developing new equipment that provides for more accurate and greater ease of hip and knee replacement surgery," said Dr. Dan Brooks, chief medical officer.

"The scope of his accomplishments has future implications for patients not just here, but worldwide."

By the end of 2005, D'Antonio will have written 38 publications in major journals on hip replacement surgery.

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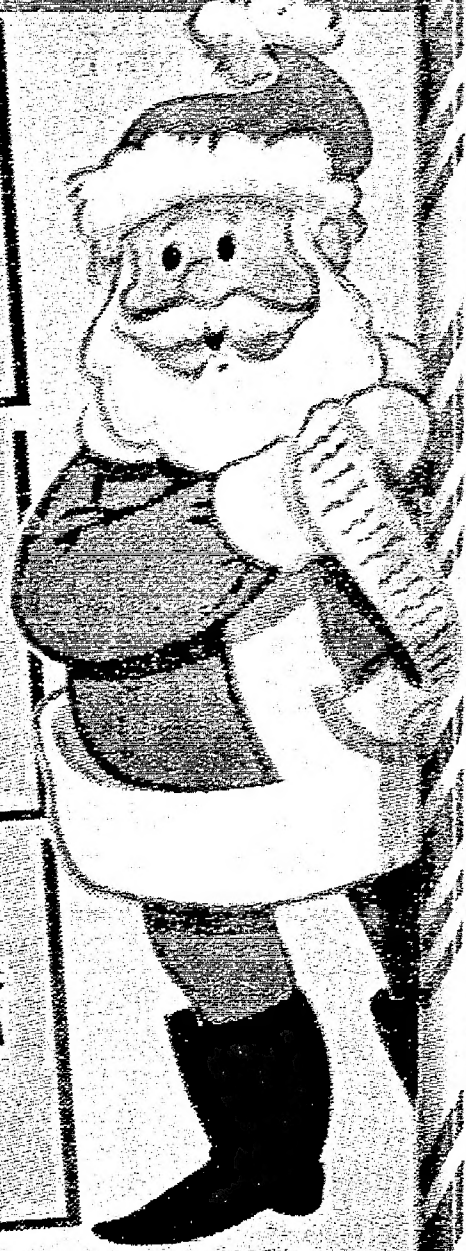
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Thank you,
Kirk, 3 1/2
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I want trucks and
bikes. That's all.
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makeover desk and a my
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From,
Madison, 5

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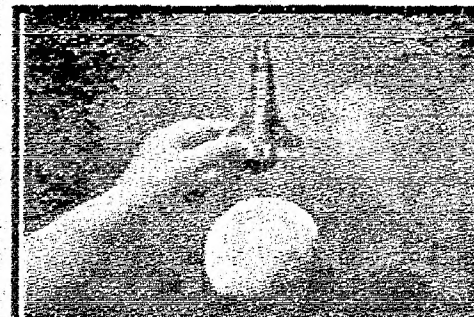


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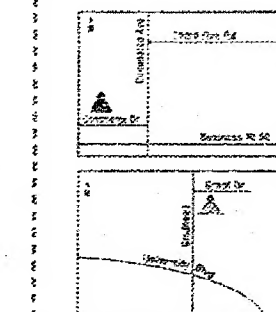


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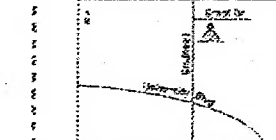


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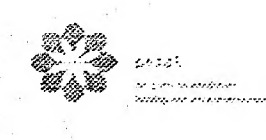
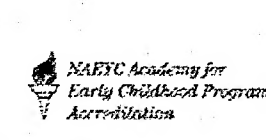
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Game, Magnetix, Super Sand Set,
and a doodle monster. I was good.
Love,
Micah, 7 1/2

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for Christmas.
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Omaree, 4

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watch, Dora necklace, Dora
blanket, Dora umbrella, Dora
coloring book, Dora chair, Dora
book, Dora clothes, Dora costume,
Dora pila, Dora pitcher, Dora boots
and shoes, Dora computer game,
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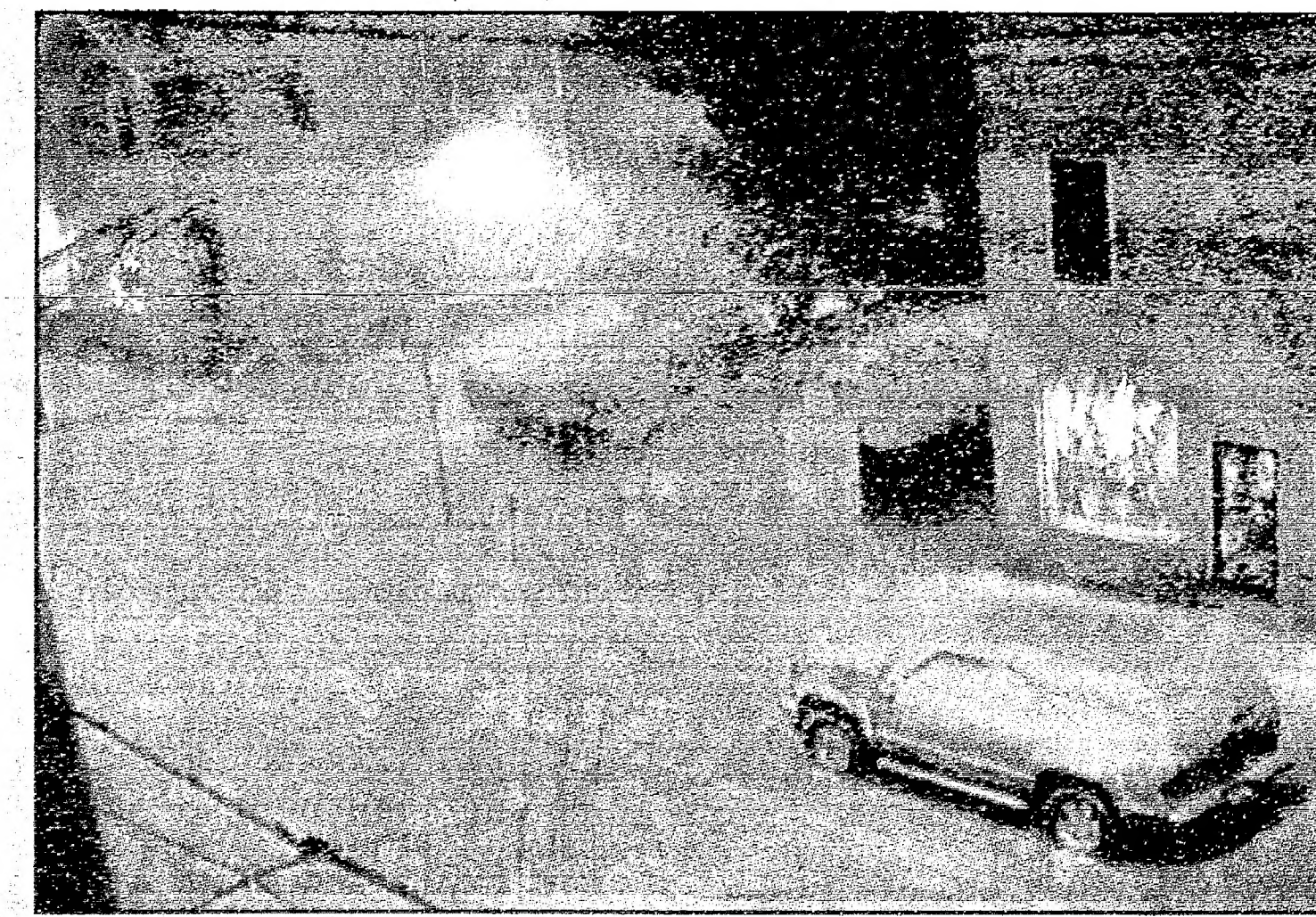
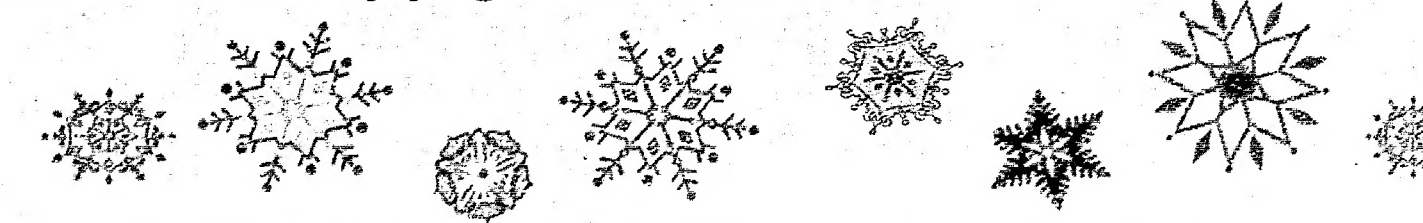
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truck for Christmas.
From,
Cameron, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a guitar for
Christmas.
From,
Kaeden, 4 1/2

Winter Wonderland



IT WASN'T Rudolph who was sighted in Sewickley Heights, but a beautiful doe enjoying a walk in the woods.



THE FIRST significant snowfall of the year last week covered streets and automobiles in minutes.



MADDY MALCOLM, 12, gives her three sisters — Meredith, 10, Isabella, 7, and Amelia, 5 — a push to get their sled started on Saturday afternoon in Sewickley.

Photos by Laura Halleman

Woman meets challenges through faith, hope, love

By Kate Canan
Staff writer

LIFE LESSONS

Life hasn't been easy for Kimberly Cunnard of Glenfield. But she's made it work.

Even with a debilitating disease and at 42 years old, she will graduate from Community College of Allegheny County with an associate's degree in child development in May 2006.

Born with cerebral palsy, Cunnard was never sure she'd make it to college.

Before enrolling at CCAC in 2001, Cunnard spent a lot of time working at the Sewickley Valley YMCA. Becoming a YMCA volunteer in 1981, she learned how to use the weight lifting equipment and instruct others needing help in the gym.

She received a lot of encouragement from her colleagues and became much more physically active.



SURROUNDED BY her charges at the Sewickley Valley YMCA daycare, Kim Cunnard finds her love of life in helping children. Photo by Dan Koett, YMCA

Along with lifting weights, Cunnard competes in swim meets and even races.

Under the supervision of a coach, she recently entered a two-mile race and ran it — with her crutches.

This was not a race for people with special needs. It was a race for anyone who wanted to run, and Cunnard didn't see why she shouldn't be included.

"It took a lot of guts to do it," she says. "It takes a lot of work on my behalf and a lot of concentration. You have to get out there and do it, not just talk about doing it."

While Cunnard didn't win any prizes, she considers being a part of the race a rewarding experience in itself, and credits her coaches for being incredibly supportive.

Cunnard can almost always be found at the YMCA. She even won October's "Star of the Month" award for being there all of the time, smiling and encouraging others. A born-again Christian, she puts the needs of others before her own, particularly those of children.

"The Lord is my inspiration and children are precious in the Lord's eyes."

Now a college student, she loves working with children with or without special needs, particularly pre-schoolers.

"They're so cute, they're so comical," she says. "They've got a lot of enthusiasm. You can sit down there and do things with them."

"I can bring up a game and they'll want to join in and play. They're very accepting." Cunnard has just as much enthusiasm when it comes to children. She's even devoted her time to working with autistic children.

Although she couldn't communicate verbally with the two girls she has worked with, she interacted with them through activities and she never gives up.

She went swimming with them, played games, spent time in the park and supervised them on the swings.

"Sometimes it was really hard to get their attention," she says. "One of the girls warmed up to me as soon as she saw me. The other took a long time."

Cunnard found a way to break through and interact with her when she continued to observe the girl and began singing, another passion of hers.

As soon as she started singing, she found a way to reach her autistic student.

While Cunnard would be considered a late bloomer by most as far as college goes, she believes she made the right decision.

"If I would have gone earlier, I would have given up too soon," she explains. "I don't think I would have the commitment I have today."

As it is, Cunnard has gotten exasperated with some of her classes. They haven't all come easily to her, and it has been hard for her to keep her motivation.

Concerned that she wasn't going to get the grade point average she wanted, she started working with a counselor and joined a support group. She credits both with helping her deal with frustration and difficult classes.

Music appreciation is a difficult class for Cunnard, and it didn't start out well at the beginning when she didn't have a table to sit at.

Although she can walk and even run with her crutches, Cunnard's limited to a wheelchair at school because of the short amount of time between classes and the need to carry

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LIFE LESSONS

Kim Cunnard sees her future in helping children

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books. It took four weeks to get appropriate seating for Cunnard, but she now has a desk and is working with her music teacher to raise her grades.

Despite any problems she encounters, Cunnard works through it because she's determined to meet her goal of being a special needs teacher's aide.

She feels she will be able to contribute in a lot of ways because she's been there. She believes children may feel more comfortable talking to her because of their similar conditions.

She also wants to make sure children with special needs are treated equally to every other child, personally seeing to it that none of them are getting pushed through the system.

"I had one girl whose work changed on her, and I

thought she was getting pushed through the system," Cunnard explains.

"(Special needs children) should have someone stay with them. I observed a little girl in my daycare who was not getting her needs met. She needs a lot of personal attention with a professional."

That's exactly where Cunnard intends to make her mark. She wants to take an infant and toddler class at the YMCA and possibly continuing her education, either at Robert Morris University or the University of Pittsburgh.

If she decides to pursue her bachelor's degree, she will most likely retake some of her courses to raise her grade point average, but she won't let difficult classes or her cerebral palsy stop her.

"I have this drive inside me, and I want to improve myself as an individual," she says. "Anyone can do anything they want as long as they put their mind to it."

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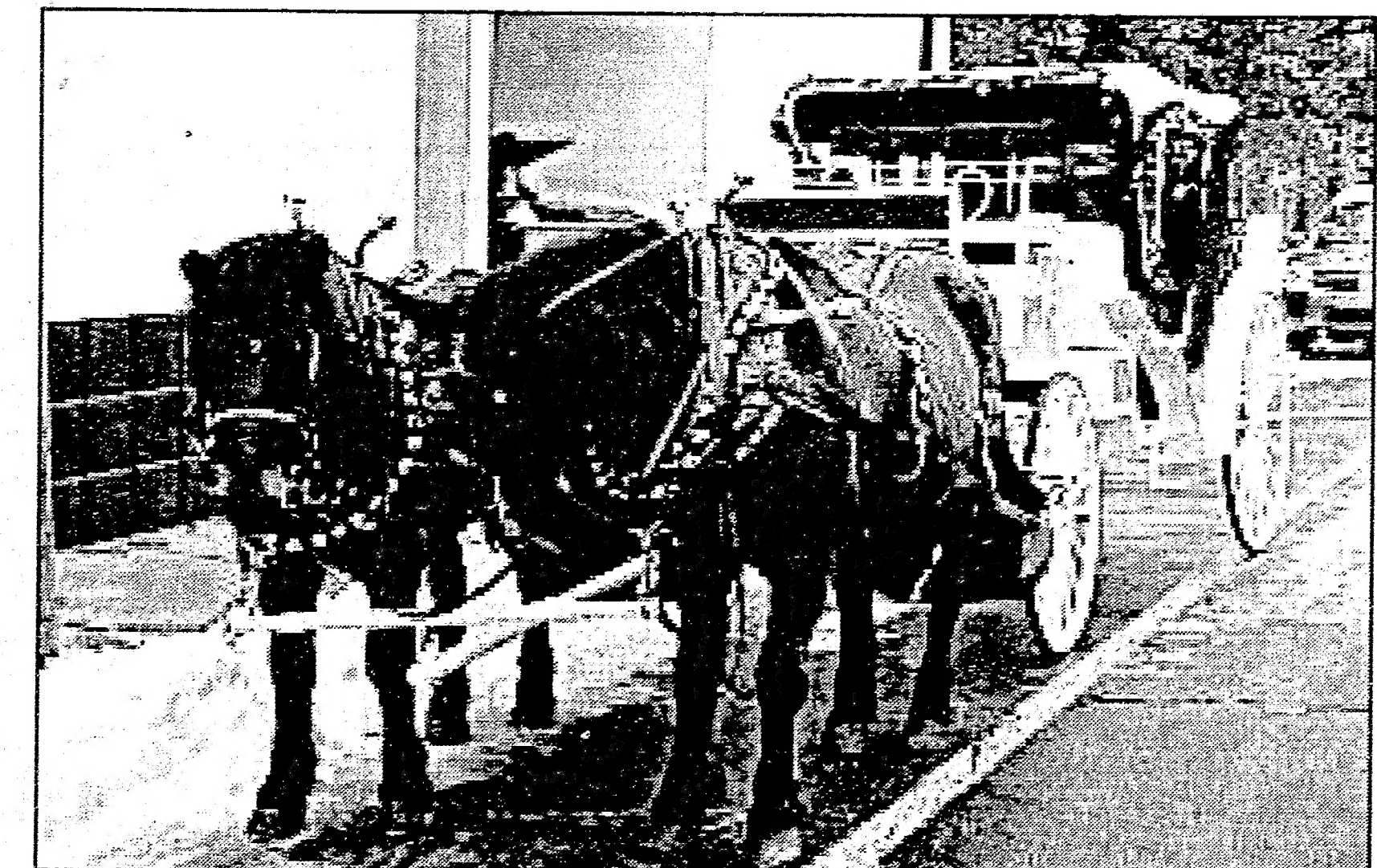
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ON THE CALENDAR



CARRIAGE RIDES through the Village are available every Wednesday night from 5-8 and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. — courtesy of Prudential Preferred Realty Sewickley's office.

Photo by Laura Halleman

Yuletide continues in Sewickley

The Yuletide in the Village celebration continues in the Sewickley.

Tours of the Sewickley United Methodist Church Clock Tower will be held every Wednesday night, Dec. 14 and 21, from 6-8.

Visit the landmark church at Thorn and Broad streets, Sewickley, and learn about its church bell's history.

Tonight at 6 p.m., The Mistletoe March will take place. Stroll the Village and help raise funds for the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Sewickley Melody will perform in Wolcott Park from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

At Sewickley Public Library, children can make snowman holiday cards.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, Santa Claus will visit Wolcott Park from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Also on Saturday, the Sewickley Academy String Quartet will stroll the Village from 11 a.m. to noon.

From noon to 2 p.m., passersby can enjoy a "Dean Martin Christmas" of the vocalist in Wolcott Park.

From 8 p.m. to close, the Sons of Italy Club will host a Christmas Party at their Division Street location.

Christmas pageants will be held at The Presbyterian Church at the 11 a.m. worship service and at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18.

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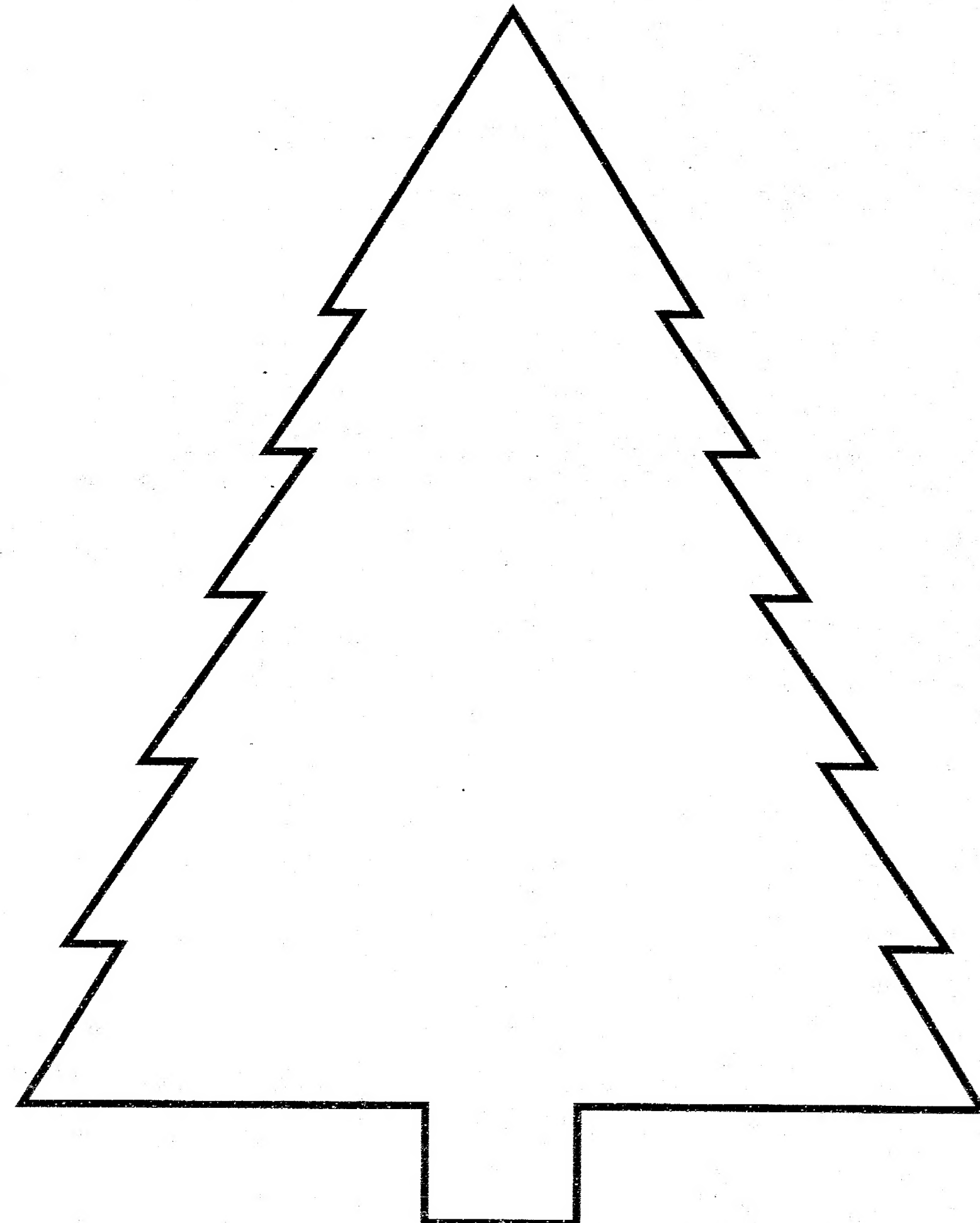
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ENGAGEMENT

CANADY-KUNY

Meredith Elizabeth Canady of Fuquay-Varina, N.C., and David James Kuny Jr., also of Fuquay-Varina but formerly of Sewickley, have announced their engagement.

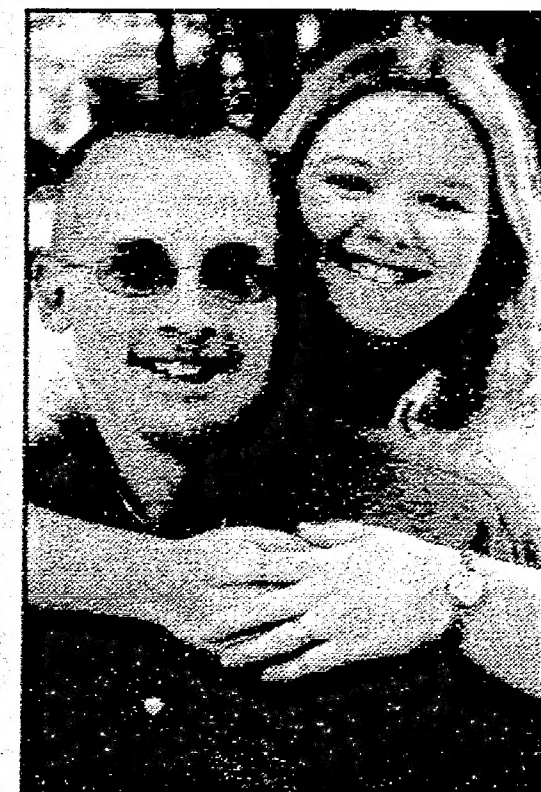
She is the daughter of Randy and Jodi (Wilkins) Canady of Clayton, N.C.

He is the son of David and Sandy (Harter) Kuny of Fuquay-Varina, N.C.

The bride-to-be graduated from Hickory High and Elon University with a bachelor of arts degree in English.

She is an editor for CASTLE Worldwide Inc. in Morrisville, N.C.

Her fiancé graduated from Quaker Valley and works as a



pest technician for Quikkill Pest Services Inc.

A wedding will take place in Fuquay-Varina on April 8, 2006.

'TIS THE SEASON

Chatham Baroque performs holiday candlelight concert

Chatham's Baroque holiday candlelight concerts will feature an unusual assortment of instruments — the bardora, cittern, lute, renaissance flute and treble and bass viols.

The first performance will be held Friday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. at Sewickley United Methodist Church.

Guest artists include Lucas Harris and David Walker on the wire-strung bardora and cittern, Wendy Gillespie on treble viol, and Stephen Schultz on the renaissance flute.

Other concerts will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m. at Synod Hall in Oakland; and Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2:30 at Chatham College.

Tickets, available at the door, cost \$20 for general admission, \$16 for seniors, and \$8 for students and low-income.

Tickets can also be purchased by calling ProArts Ticket Service at 412-394-3353.

Cookbook gift giving

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The cookbook contains more than 122 well-loved recipes, including appetizers, main dishes, desserts and many others.

They may be purchased by calling the church office at 412-741-8484. All proceeds for the sale of the cookbooks will go toward the air-conditioning fund at St. Paul's.

The church is located at 616 Washington St., Sewickley. The Rev. Thomas E. Moog is pastor.

For more information, call 412-741-8484.

HOLIDAY MART



ENJOYING THE hundreds of jewelry items available at this year's Holiday MArt at Sweetwater Center for the Arts were Lily Friday (on left) of Sewickley and Judy Bethmann of Moon Township. The Victorian dollhouse (at right) was won by George Craig.

Photos by D.S. Dreeland



WINNERS

Chamber announces winners of gift packs

Sewickley Valley Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of the Sewickley merchant gift packages.

First Prize: Mrs. Abel (through Thomas Jewelers) won Prize Pack #1 • Valued at more than \$400 with a collection of gift certificates from Sewickley Spa \$100, EM Jewelers \$50, Chatterbox \$50, Cuttings \$50, Name Dropper \$50 and a Pendleton flowered tote, logo T-shirt, matching men's & women's watches and more.

Second Prize: Lee Fulena (through Spoiled Chics) won Prize Pack #2 • Valued at more than \$250 that includes a Feathers scented candle, Spoiled Chics bucket hat, 100 percent Cotton pareo and Baggelini backpack, Perfect \$50 gift certificate, Name Dropper T-shirts, Cheers decoupage picture frame and Moxie semi-precious stone bracelet and necklace.

Third Prize: Susan Hovanec (through EMS Jewelers) won Prize Pack #3 valued at more than \$150 that includes a Habitat Hardware brass door knocker or \$50 gift certificate, Tapas Lavender sleep shirt, Crab Tree & Evelyn products, candle and



Dad David Martin and Sloan, 2, of Sewickley.

bath bubbles, and a Health Alternatives of Sewickley \$50 gift certificate.

The winning tickets were drawn by Scooby Doo.

Cheers won the Window Decorating Contest.

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Yoga in Sewickley winter classes begin on Jan. 5

Yoga in Sewickley will begin its winter session on Thursday, Jan. 5.

Yoga classes emphasize strength, flexibility and stress-management practices.

Sharon Beddard-Hess will continue her classes on Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7.

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Gae Galza will teach her popular restorative yoga from 9:30 to 11.

Carol McClenahan will teach all level of classes on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:45 to 10:15.

New students are welcome at any of these classes.

Yoga in Sewickley is located at Sewickley United Methodist Church, Broad and Thorn streets, Sewickley. Parking is free at the rear of the church.

The winter session will run for 12 weeks, and the cost is \$120 for 12 classes or \$12 for drop-in classes.

A special unlimited class fee also is available.

For more information, call Carol McClenahan at 412-741-0275 or Sharon Beddard-Hess at 412-741-6145.

Piano lessons

Today (Wednesday) at 10 a.m., members of the Pittsburgh Piano

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Teachers Association will hold a breakfast meeting to network, share information concerning studio policies and professional music organizations for students, and to perform for each other in a casual setting.

The meeting will be held at Christ Church at Grove Farm, 249 Duff Road, Ohio Township.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

Nature talk

The Sophisticated Naturalist Series continues with a presentation on "Geothermal Heating Systems" tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at Fern Hollow Nature Center.

Learn how you can heat your house using your own backyard.

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The program is geared towards young adults to senior citizens.

Admission is free for nature center members. The cost for non-members is \$2 per person.

The center is located on Glen Mitchell Road.

Stocking stuffer ideas

Shop 'til you drop ... into a chair with a book!

The Friends of the Sewickley Public Library will offer holiday related items for sale (books, videos, CDs, tapes) during the month of December in the lobby of the library.

Drop by for a book and a bargain. The library is located at the corner of Thorn and Broad streets, Sewickley.

Friendship Fridays

Take a pause from holiday shopping and visit the Christy House for lunch with a friend.

This Friday will be the last luncheon of the year.

Everything on the Christy House menu is homemade.

Judi Erno, a local caterer, has been preparing the lunches for the past six years.

She is ably backed up by Caroline Herring, whose recipes also appear in the Christy House Cookbook.

Dessert cookies are made by volunteers and some of these special goodies are also included in the book.

The Christy House shops, Earthly Treasures and The Needles Eye, will be open.

A special feature of the Needles Eye is the cookbook that includes the recipes used in the luncheons served in the tearoom.

The Christy House is open on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunch is served at 11:30 and 12:30.

The Christy House, located on Frederick Avenue, is a ministry of the women of St. Stephen's Church.

Walking the Village

Enjoy these crisp, snowy days (or nights, especially on Wednesdays) with a walk into Sewickley.

Visit the shops, enjoy a coffee or a meal, admire the decorations on houses along the way and see what the Village has to offer for this giving season.

This year, it's especially important to our merchants to make them a shopping stop amidst the hundreds of miles of our holiday travels.

ON STAGE



TAKING THE lead in "Amahl and the Night Visitors" tonight at Sewickley Academy is (on right) Antonio Juliano. Joseph Helinski will play Amahl in the other performances.

Young actor performs on Academy's stage

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" comes to the Sewickley Academy stage tonight at 7:30, the first of four regional performances.

Two performances will take place in the landmark Heinz Chapel on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. on the University of Pittsburgh campus, Oakland.

The miracles and magic of Christmas will come to life for audiences of all ages as the Opera Theater of Pittsburgh presents Gian Carlo Menotti's holiday favorite.

Tonight and Saturday, Antonio Juliano will lead the cast of 30 singers, who will recreate the story of Amahl, a shepherd boy who sees a magnificent star over the countryside and discovers the three traveling kings at his door.

Antonio, from Edgeworth, is a seventh-grade student at Sewickley Academy.

"Amahl is great holiday entertainment for all the family," said Jonathan Eaton, artistic director, "and is the perfect first opera for children."

"The lead role is taken by a young boy, Amahl. He is lame at the beginning of the opera, and we follow the inspiring story of how he is healed by a miracle of faith. It's a heart-warming way to celebrate the festive season."

Inspired by a miracle of healing in his own childhood and by the painting "The Adoration of the Magi" by Hieronymus Bosch, the music and libretto of this one-act opera were written by Italian-American composer Gian Carlo Menotti and premiered in 1951 on NBC Television.

Tickets are on sale at 412-394-3353 for Heinz Chapel and Sewickley Academy.

Order online at www.proartstickets.org.

Join in Mistletoe March

A fund-raiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the "Mistletoe March," will take place tonight. From 6-9, a group will be caroling through the Village as part of Annie-Elizabeth Hague's QV graduation project.

Adults can take part by contributing \$10. Students can join the songfest for \$5. Children under age 5 can participate free of charge.

Refreshments will be served and prize winners announced.

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LOCAL CELEBRITY

SA alum makes Survivor: Guatemala final four

By Kate Canan

Staff writer

The common room in Sewickley Academy was filled with cheerful, enthusiastic children and adults, shouting at the screen between bites of pizza while watching the next-to-last episode of "Survivor: Guatemala" last week.

Residents of Sewickley and nearby communities had come to cheer on contestant Rafe Judkins in his pursuit to get into the elite final four.

Originally set up by Rafe's mother, Lani Lee, parties had been held in different locations until Ken Goleskim, Sewickley Academy's dean of students, offered to host the "Survivor" parties in the common room of the school. The parties have been held there ever since.

"I got into this a month or two ago," fan Susie Reuter says. "It's really been growing and it's so much fun."

The former Sewickley Academy student graduated in 2001, and ironically enough was voted, "Most Likely to Be on 'Survivor'."

Rafe appeared to be a formidable contestant before the first episode even aired, due to his extensive interest and experience in the outdoors.

He has been to all 50 states, visited 14 different countries and was the manager of Brown University's Outdoor



SURVIVOR FANS erupt in cheers in Sewickley Academy's common room last week as Rafe Judkins secures final four spot. Photos by Kate Canan

Leadership Training. His profession? Wilderness guide.

Although usually on par with his competitors in physical challenges, Rafe's audience looked on in dismay as he failed to get anywhere near winning a new car last

Thursday. Attempting to balance on thin wooden boards while trying to untie three knots, Rafe lost his footing, eliciting groans from the audience and forcing the Kilbuck native to start back at the beginning.

Contestant Cindy Hall defeated the remaining four and secured the new Pontiac Torrent. But there was a catch — no one who has won the car has ever won the \$1 million grand prize.

She had the opportunity to

trade in her new car for four Pontiacs for her fellow contestants, but chose to keep the car for herself.

Her decision surprised Rafe and his supporters at home. After the audience booed Hall, the next tribal council began to take shape.

Hall had created vehicular suicide, earning herself three votes, and was the next contestant to put out her tiki torch, delighting the Sewickley crowd.

The room pulsed with cheers, screams and applause as Rafe was officially in the final four.

Rafe and his family thanked all of their supporters and were planning to get home in the three inches of snow that had fallen during the show. Their next stop: an early flight to Los Angeles for the season finale.

In the end, Rafe was sold out by his alliance partner, Danni Boatwright, who had previously promised to take him to the final two, if given the opportunity.

He placed third in the mentally and physically challenging contest and watched his former partner win it all.

However, Lani couldn't be prouder of her son for the way he played the game.

"I think so many things showed his integrity," she says.

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LOCAL CELEBRITY

Rafe Judkins last man standing in reality show

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"He respected other people's religions. He refused to eat chicken when he was starving and he was so skinny when he came home.

"I just cried last night. We're really proud of him. For a 22 year old to make it to the final four is amazing."

Referring to the chicken, there was an occasion during the season finale when a group of Mayans visited to perform an ancient ritual.

They sacrificed a newly killed chicken. The other contestants had Spanish-speaking Lydia Morales ask the Mayans if it would be O.K. to eat the cooked chicken when they were finished. The leader told them they were not allowed, because it was an offering to the Mayan gods.

Two contestants went back later to the site of the ritual to remove the chicken and brought it back for everyone to eat, but Rafe refused, despite his shrinking frame and obvious hunger.

"I would lose everything I learned from the ritual, because the ritual was about not eating the chicken," he informed his tribemates.

Lani partially credits Rafe's final three victory to his close experience with females. When only five members of the show remained, the women were dominating, and Rafe was the only male in the mix.

During his final year at Brown University, Rafe roomed with two females and quickly understood much more about how women worked and thought.



MARIA FARROW (on left) and Jessica Trainer, SA students, watch in trepidation as Rafe loses his balance, falling behind in his quest for a new car and immunity on last Thursday's show. (At left in photo from CBS.com) Rafe gathers wood for the fire.

"He really learned how to get along with (women)," Lani says. "He was even more understanding with me after that."

When Lani originally heard that her son was going to be on "Survivor," she was thrilled...and terrified.

She was excited that Rafe would finally be able to live out one of his dreams, but she also knew of the pain and suffering he would go through.

While her son was gone, she checked the weather in Guatemala religiously, often finding that the heat was in triple digits.

"I knew he was suffering," she says. "I knew the bugs would be terrible. He came home with scars all over him from the bugs. (The contestants) go through a lot."

With the finale airing and the "Survivor: Guatemala" reunion taking place Sunday, Lani had a chance to meet all of the contestants and their families.

One of the most enjoyable things for her was to see how much her son was liked by the others.

"He's talking to all of the contestants around here and everyone likes

him," she remarks. "He's genuine and everyone can sense that."

Because Rafe was in the final four, his family was treated to seats front and center, and the hotel they are staying in is beautiful, as are most of the other contestants, Lani comments.

Lani wouldn't change a thing about how her son played, except for the outcome, which she believed could have been completely changed by only one thing.

"He didn't get rid of Danni when he should have," she says. "He fell for her and that was his downfall."

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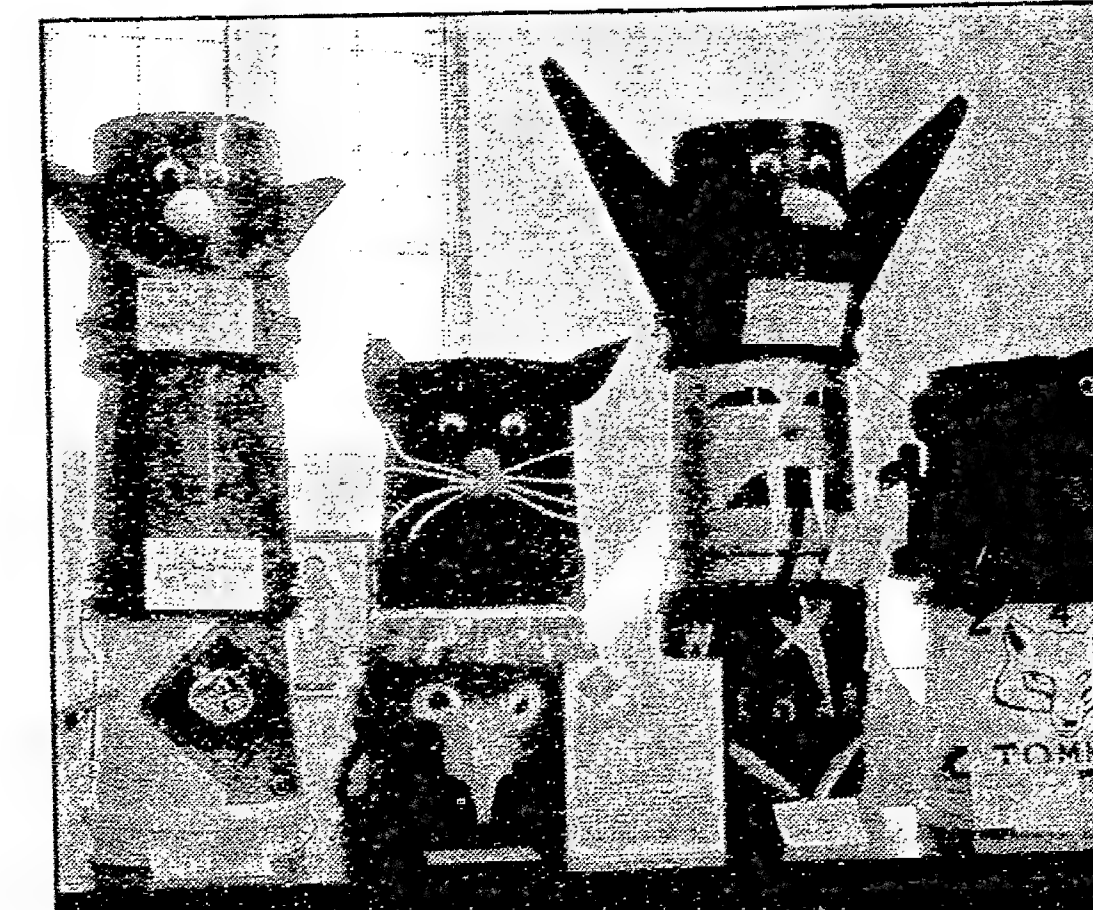
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THERE ARE more craft classes this month to claim the totem project space in the Children's Department of Sewickley Public Library.

Art, craft lessons set at Sewickley Library

There's lots for kids to do at Sewickley Public Library. All parents need to do is make a call to 412-741-0937 to register.



Girls K - 2 are invited to bring a tea cup to the "American Girls Holiday Tea" today (Wednesday) at 5 - 6 p.m. Dress up in party attire and learn how to prepare and serve a proper tea.



Children in grades 3 - 5 can create hand-made holiday cards to send to their friends and family this holiday today (Wednesday) from 7 - 8 p.m.



Children in grades 4 - 7 can rehearse and perform all in one hour on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Readers Theater.



Children in grades 1 - 5 are invited to attend "Matinee Madness: Polar Express" on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 12:15 p.m.

Share the sensational, seasonal fun of this newly-released movie. Bring a bag

lunch, and the library will provide drinks and popcorn. Children are asked to read the book before attending the program.

For adult learners

The SeniorNet Computer Education Program will meet Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 1 and 2 p.m.

Barry Lipson, a SeniorNet volunteer hosts these hands-on computer sessions, covering e-mail, internet searching and word processing.

Each one-hour session is limited to four participants and is held in the Assistive Technology Room on the first floor.

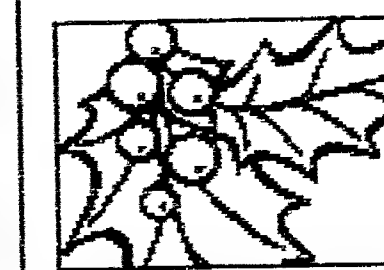
Registration is required by calling 412-741-6920.

The Brown Bag Group will meet Thursday, Dec. 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The lunchtime book club is led by Rosa Lamour Dorman and librarian Mary Jean Voigt and meets in the community room.

Bring a bag lunch, and the library will provide beverages, dessert and some interesting discussion.

The library will be closed Dec. 24-25.



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SEASON'S SONG

'How Great Our Joy' at St. James

St. James Music Ministry invites the community to attend its Annual Advent Choral Concert scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. at St. James Church, 200 Walnut St., Sewickley.

This year's concert will feature the Cantata, "How Great Our Joy," a collaborative work of Lloyd Larson and Douglas E. Wagner.

The cantata reflects that "joy is a pervading theme throughout the Bible" said Louis S. Valenzi, director of St. James Music Ministry.

"The combined work of Larson and Wagner presents the Christmas message in a blending of familiar carols with new texts and tunes."

The narrators for the cantata are Rosalind Kaliden and Jerry Comunale.

The program will also include traditional Christmas carols as well as contempo-



AT PRACTICE are Mary Lynn Pleczkowski and Lou Valenzi.

rary compositions

Members of the St. James Adult, Youth and Handbell Choirs will perform with an orchestra bringing together nearly 130 musicians.

Featured at the concert grand piano will be Donna Amato.

The organist for the evening is Philip Liebscher. Mary Lynn Pleczkowski, director of the Handbell Choir, is assistant to Valenzi.

A reception, sponsored by the women of St. James Guild, will follow the program.

FAYM's concert explores new traditions in music

Christmas is a season in which many musical events will feature time-honored classics.

ON STAGE

But this year the Fine Arts Youth Ministry (FAYM) of Sewickley United Methodist Church explores a new Christmas tradition by presenting music by Nigerian composer and ethnomusicologist Akin Euba.

FAYM's Orchestra will perform excerpts from Euba's "Bethlehem: a Gospel Opera" on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

The concert takes place in the sanctuary of Sewickley United Methodist and is free to the public.

The orchestra will be joined by the Sewickley United Methodist Chancel Choir, and guest artists soprano Dana Lundquist, bass-baritone Richard Teaster and drummer Anicet Mundundu.

FAYM will also premiere a new composition by Sewickley Academy sophomore and FAYM participant Chris Nickell entitled "A Cultural Sketch of Medieval Spain."

Euba's "Bethlehem" emerges from the folk opera tradition of Yorubaland in Southwestern Nigeria, a genre closely related to African church music.

His work was premiered at the National Theatre in Lagos in 1984.

Chris Nickell's "Cultural Sketch of Medieval Spain" is his second composition for the FAYM orchestra and explores scales and modes of both Muslim and Christian musical traditions — traditions which would have coexisted in Spain during the Middle Ages.

While not specifically Christmas music, the work fits nicely with the theme of cultural exploration which underlies the evening.

FAYM is an ecumenical Christian ministry helping young people to discover, through participation, the relationship between faith and art.

The focus of the orchestra is on music-making in a positive environment, with the older musicians helping the younger.

The church is located at Thorn and Broad streets, Sewickley.

SERVICE

Oasis service for reflection

Oasis services at The Presbyterian Church will be held today (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m.

The service will focus on Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Advent hymns, scriptures and readings will be a part of the usual worship with communion, candle lighting and anointing with oil.

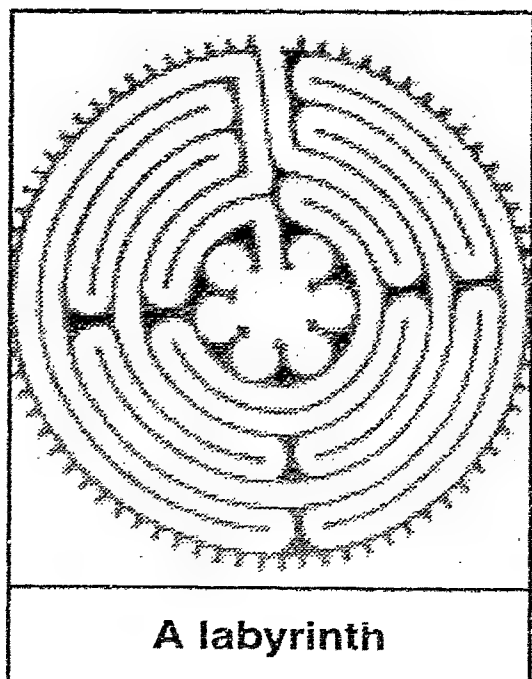
The labyrinth also be available for your use.

The labyrinth is a single path with many twists and turns that leads directly to the center.

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A labyrinth

time to purge or let go and to quiet your mind. Reaching the center is a place of meditation and prayer. Leaving the center is a time to feel empowered and renewed.

The labyrinth will be available from 7 - 8:30 p.m. for a bit of peace, quiet and meditation.

EVENTS

Van Leuven Christmas concert Friday at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's United Presbyterian Church will host a free Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 16, from 7-9 p.m., featuring singer/songwriter Grant Van Leuven.

Van Leuven is classically trained in piano and voice, and has had years of experience playing with various bands and worship groups.

His music blends folk, bluegrass and acoustic-driven rock, and ranges from witty and humorous to serious contemplation.

His music is framed in the peaceful resolve of the certainty of Jesus Christ.

The concert will feature traditional Christmas music and some original works.

Refreshments will follow. The church is located at 801 Beaver St., Sewickley.

For more information, call 412-741-8840.

At Antioch

Antioch Baptist Church, 332 Elizabeth St., Sewickley, holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45.

Bible Study and Prayer Service are on Wednesdays beginning at 7 p.m.

The Rev. Troy Sligh is pastor. For more details, call the church at 417-741-7688.

Hanging of the Greens

A special "Hanging of the Greens" service will be held Sunday, Dec. 18, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

St. Paul's Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America group will lead the ceremony during both the 8:15 and 11 a.m. worship services.

The church will be decorated with pine wreaths and trimmings, while a narration of their significance is read.

The entire congregation will be included in decorating the church's three Christmas trees.

Two trees in the chancel will be adorned with Christmas and other ornaments depicting symbols of the church.

The annual "Christmas Tea" will be held following the 11 a.m. service, hosted by the Fellowship Committee.

The Sunday School will present its annual Christmas Pageant at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 616 Washington St., Sewickley, Pa. The Rev. Thomas E. Moog is pastor.

For more information, call 412-741-8484.



At First Church

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sewickley, holds its Sunday service and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m.

The Lesson-Sermon for

Sunday is titled "Is the universe, including man, evolved by atomic force" and will open with a quotation from Revelation: "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for thou has created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and

were created."

Wednesday evening testimony meetings are held at 7:30 p.m.

The Reading Room is open Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The church is located at 222 Beaver St., Sewickley.

Worship this holiday season at your local community church!

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James Blake Jr., engineer

James E. Blake Jr. died at his home in Durham, N.C., on Nov. 30, 2005.

He was born March 1, 1921, in East Liverpool, Ohio.

He was a professional engineer, serving as supervisor of structures with the Penn-Central Railroad and Conrail, where he had the opportunity to reside with his wife and family in several cities throughout his life.

He retired with his wife, Helen DePew Blake, to Sun City, Ariz., in 1981, where he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and volunteer for Meals on Wheels and the Sun City Ambassadors.

He moved back to Sewickley in 2002 and was a member of the Masons, Doric Lodge #630.

His final move in December 2004 was to Durham, N.C., to be close to his daughters and their families.

Mr. Blake was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Helen.

He is survived by his two daughters: Janet Page and husband David of Durham, N.C.; and Barbara Call and



husband Robert of Chapel Hill, N.C.; four grandchildren: Catherine Page of Charlotte, N.C.; Susanne Conway and husband Shawn of Baltimore; Robert Call III of Durham, N.C.; and Warren Call of Chapel Hill, N.C.; and the joy of his life, his two great-grandchildren, twins Lauren and Molly Conway of Baltimore.

Funeral services were held yesterday (Tuesday) at Sewickley Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sunshine Services Inc. 9980 Santa Fe Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351-3197, or a charity of one's choice.

Clements Funeral Service Inc. of Durham handled the arrangements.

IN MEMORY

Adam Kostial, 21, of Sewickley

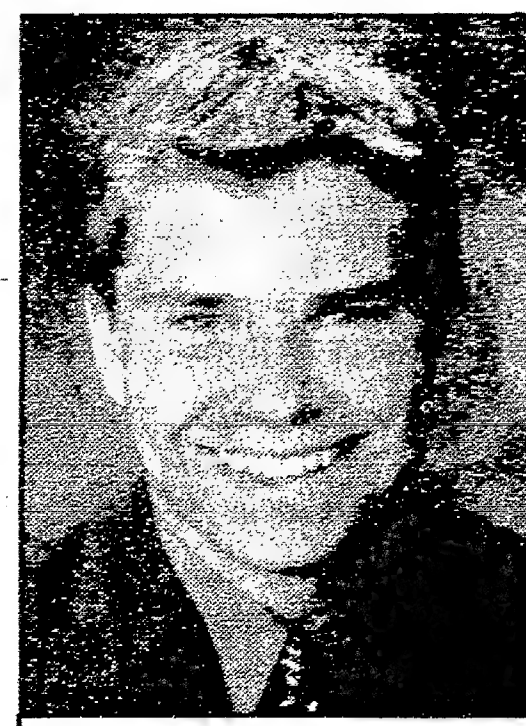
Adam Edward Kostial, 21, of Sewickley, formerly of Moon Township, died unexpectedly on Dec. 5, 2005, in Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Adam was born in Sewickley on May 27, 1984, and was the loving son of Edward J. Kostial of Ambridge and of Amy (Freisleben) Pozyski and her husband Joseph of Sewickley.

He was the proud brother of Aaron Joseph and Ashley Elizabeth at home, and was the stepbrother of Jodie Fedorka (Bill) of Lexington, S.C., Jamie Pozyski of New Kensington and Jaclyn Posyski of Margate, Fla.

Adam was the beloved grandson of Joseph and Elizabeth "Betty" Kostial of Baden, Pa., and of William and Shirley Freisleben of Sewickley.

He was also the great-grandson of Nellie (Lesack) Olexovich of Baden.



Adam Kostial

Adam was the nephew of Karen A. Demarco (Bruce) of Baden; James E. Kostial (Ann) of Moon Township; Cynthia A. Witalis (Conrad) of Patterson Township; William G. Freisleben (Kayln) of Mt. Lebanon and Roger A. Freisleben (Beth Ann) of Sewickley.

Fla.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She attended the University of Pittsburgh and was former manager of Old Economy and Sewickley Valley Hospital gift shops.

Charitable donations may be made in memory of Gloria to Hospice of Valley/Dobson Home, 1188 N. Dobson Road, Chandler, AZ 85224-4004.

Angelo Milano

Member of St. James

Angelo Milano, 92, of Sewickley, died peacefully at home on Dec. 10, 2005.

Born on Oct. 20, 1913, in Enna, Italy, he was the son of Raffele and Filippa (Vacca-

He also was loved by his cousins, family and friends.

Adam was a member of Christ Church of Grove Farm and graduated with honors from Quaker Valley High School in 2002.

He was the vice president of his graduating class and captain of the Quaker Valley Varsity Hockey Team, where he was a four-year letterman.

Adam was a member of the Class of 2006 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., and was active in his Pi Lambda Phi fraternity.

His organs were donated so that others might live.

Adam was buried on Dec. 10, 2005, in Sewickley Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to "Adam Kostial Memorial Scholarship Fund," c/o Sewickley Savings Bank, 531 Broad St., Sewickley, PA 15143.

Arrangements were made by Copeland's Coraopolis.

luno) Milano.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" (Montantle) Milano, on Aug. 12, 1997; and his siblings, Pietro, Benny and Mary.

He worked as a bartender in his own bar for many years.

He was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Sewickley.

He is survived by his loving daughters: Elizabeth and Angela Milano of Sewickley, and his brother, Fred Milano and wife Helen.

Burial was in St. James Cemetery yesterday (Tuesday).

Memorials may be made to the Forbes Hospice in Hopewell, Pa.

Copeland Sewickley-Irvine Chapel made the arrangements.

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WRAP IT UP!

Organizations need helping hands this time of year

By Chandra Orr
Copley News Service

Want to lend a helping hand this holiday season? You might not realize just how easy it is to get involved with volunteer work.

You don't need to head up a planning committee or donate thousands of dollars to make a difference. Whether rallying colleagues at the office for a toy drive or simply cleaning out your own closet and donating gently used coats and blankets to the local homeless shelter, even the smallest efforts have a big effect.

"Most organizations are so grateful for their volunteers. Whether you have two hours a month or 40 hours a month, they are equally valuable. Whatever you can devote, they applaud everyone's effort," said Jason Willett, spokesperson for VolunteerMatch.org, a Web site devoted to bringing together volunteers and charitable organizations nationwide. "Every minute you can volunteer makes an important difference and there are so many cre-



SPIRIT OF GIVING -- Volunteer Lindsey Monroe knows it's better to give than to receive. She donates her time at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh, Wisc. CNS Photo courtesy of VolunteerMatch.

ative ways to volunteer that don't take too much time out of people's day, but they can certainly make a difference in someone's life."

In fact, during the holidays donations of goods are just as important as

donations of time.

"A lot of organizations need the donations in addition to the volunteers," he said. "The donations have to come first. Take an hour or so, go through your cupboards and pick out things you can donate to your

local food bank. You're still volunteering your time."

This season it's never been easier to find charities in need of assistance, thanks to VolunteerMatch. Since 1998, the Web site has matched more than 2 million volunteers with

33,000 charitable groups nationwide.

Any nonprofit or tax-exempt organization can post volunteer opportunities on VolunteerMatch. Groups need only a tax identification number to establish an account. Visitors then search for opportunities by ZIP code, interest, date or keyword. In keeping with the spirit of giving, VolunteerMatch is free to both volunteers and charitable groups -- and both volunteers and charities reap the benefits.

"Charitable organizations are committed to making their community a safer and healthier place, and volunteers help make that happen," Willett said. "Plus, volunteering makes you feel a lot better about your community and yourself."

"It's hard to describe to someone who hasn't volunteered before, but the old cliché, 'It's better to give than to receive,' is very true. Volunteering creates this intangible feeling of goodwill and positivity. You come away feeling

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Thought for the Week

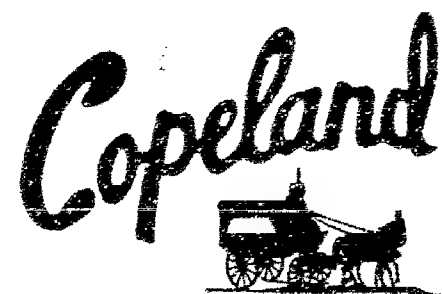
Besides the five senses, there is a sixth sense of equal importance, the sense of duty...

We're all surrounded by the things that are crying for attention. And isn't it true that as soon as we hear it's cry, the thing becomes a duty? Perhaps this is why we sometimes try not to hear the cries. We really don't want something to do...

Once we hear the cry, though, and recognize it as a call to duty, we can take one of two courses... Do it or neglect it.

Taking on a duty can be taking on a lot of work and trouble, and it means exposing ourselves to the criticism of those who think we're not doing it right. Someone once said that if you want to avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing. If you don't want to be criticized, neglect a duty.

BUT remember this: If you do neglect it, there is one critic you can't get away from. Who? Your conscience, of course!



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more enriched and more connected. It allows us to become part of a positive solution to community issues."

Opportunities on VolunteerMatch cover a

range of interests and beneficiaries, from the expected to the offbeat. How about taking foreign tourists to a baseball game to promote the American experience or filling gift baskets with toys and supplies for needy pets? These

opportunities and more are open to anyone willing to share their time.

However, making a big difference doesn't always require a big time commitment. For example, volunteer toy drive coordinators for the Salvation Army

often donate time at the office.

Simply contact the organization to have a fellow volunteer deliver a collection barrel to your place of employment, then rally colleagues to fill the barrel with toys, canned food or

other holiday items.

Plenty of groups also need help with creating fliers and editing newsletters, a task easily done from the home or office.

"There are so many opportunities that don't demand that people are physically at the location," Willett said.

"The most important thing to consider is what you want to do," Willett said. "You're giving your time so you want to make sure you are doing something you enjoy. Don't volunteer out of guilt — and make sure you're being honest with yourself about what you want to do and how much time you want to give."

After all, volunteering should be a positive experience, not an oppressive obligation, Willett said.

"If you're stressed out from the time commitment or you realize that's it's just not a good match, then be honest with yourself and the organization. It's all about having a great experience for everyone. Realize that it's OK to try different things and it's OK to pull back if your schedule changes."

And, don't be discouraged if an organization has all the help they can handle for the holiday rush — volunteers are needed year-round.

"Often times, organizations get overwhelmed during the holidays with people who want to volunteer," Willett said. "During the holidays there are certainly lots of volunteer positions that need to be filled, but even in March, even in August, volunteers are still needed."

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Since its inception in 1989, Auction Elegance has raised more than \$1.3 million for Ohio Valley General Hospital.



AT THE OVGH Auction Elegance are (from left) Dr. Michael Lally, William F. Provenzano, hospital president, and Dr. Patrick Christy.

JUST FOR KIDS

Old Economy hosts fair for students

Old Economy Village is offering a special holiday treat for classroom students and home school groups.

The theme for this year's Christmas Time for Children Program is "The Christmas Fair." The program ends on Dec. 16.

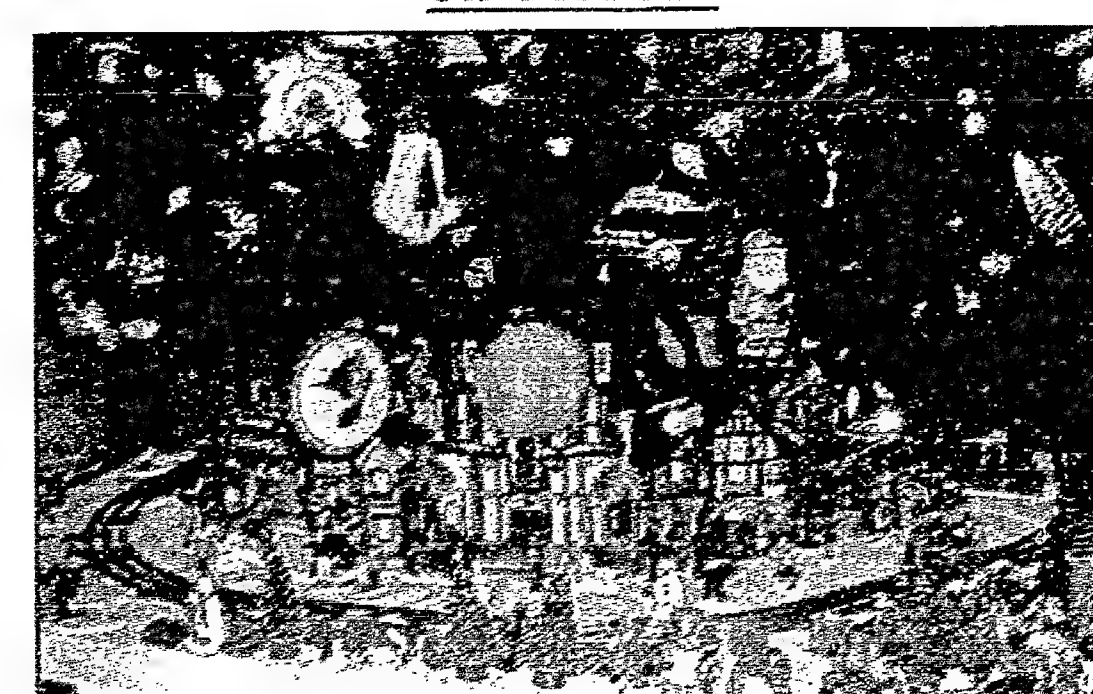
Students will listen to "The Christmas Fair" story, play with 19th century toys, visit the Museum of Natural History, learn an original Harmonist school song to sing to Belsnickel and make a craft.

The tour is geared to pre-school through first grade students. Tours are offered at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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ON DISPLAY



A Victorian Village under a tree from www.thortrains.net Web site

Model train village in Ambridge

Ohio Valley Lines Model Railroad, Library & Museum Inc., located in the historic district of Old Economy, will host train shows on Dec. 17 and 18 and Jan. 7, 8, 14 and 15 from noon to 5 p.m.

The model railroad features a depiction of Western Pennsylvania from the Ambridge/Pittsburgh area to Wheeling, W.V.

The more than 400 feet of HO gauge mainline track is operated by DCC (digital

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Members of the organization have hand-crafted areas of interest including a steel mill, blast furnace, by-product operation, coal mining and coal loading operations, logging, a farm scene and many rural/urban settings.

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IN MEMORY

Nellie Day, at 91, Sewickley resident

Nellie B. Day, 91, of Sewickley, passed away on Dec. 1, 2005, at the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

She was the wife of the late Ben E. Day; mother of Shirley A. Ross and her husband William J. Levant of Blue Bell, Pa.; grandmother of Benjamin Yaster of New York

City and Jacob Yaster of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Day was preceded in death by her brothers Thomas A. Buick and Edward Buick and sisters Mary Yurkovich and Josephine Buick.

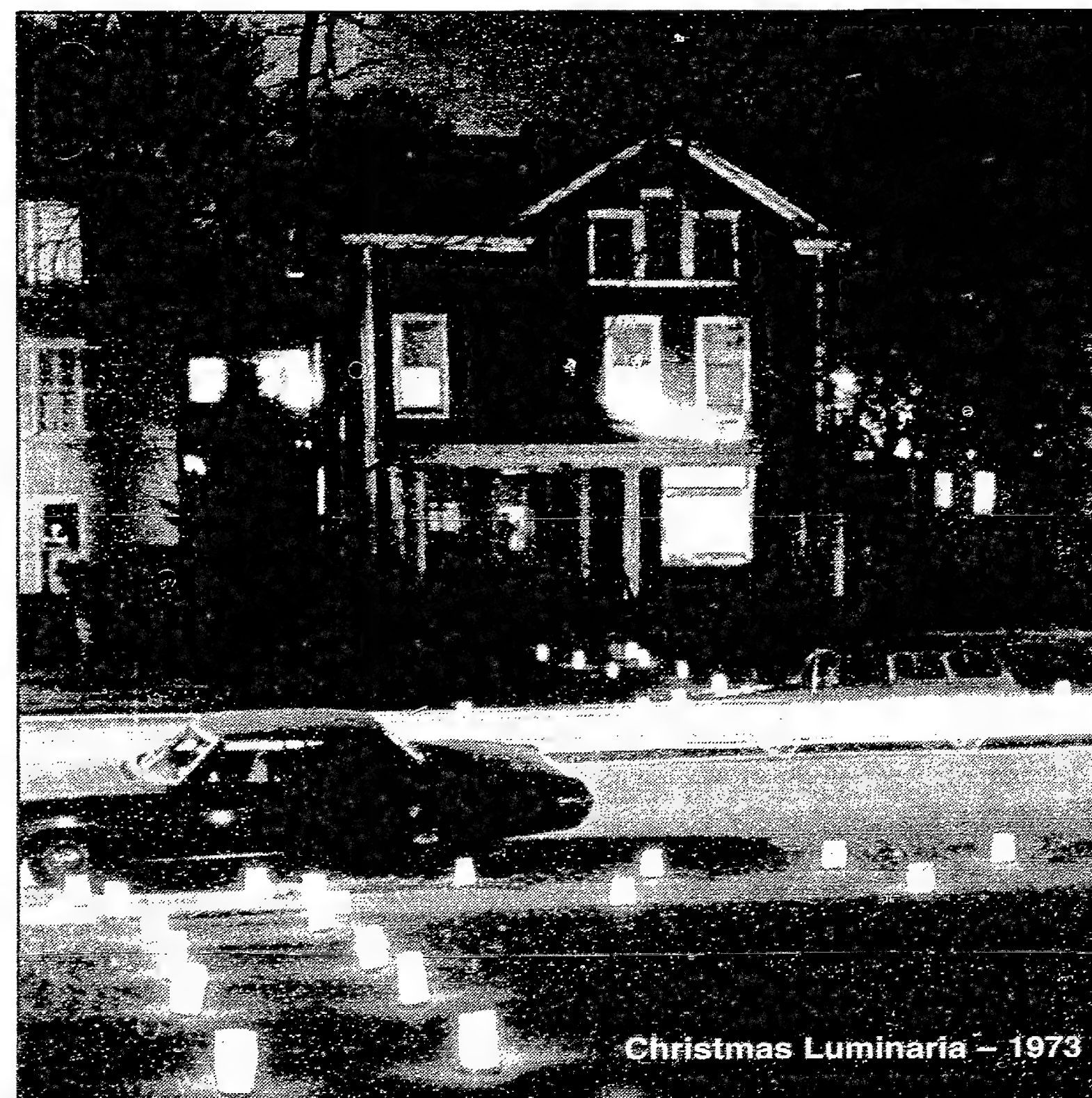
Mrs. Day was buried in Sewickley Cemetery after a funeral Mass at St. Mary's,

Glenfield.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to Sisters of St. Francis, 3603 McRoberts Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234-2398, or Masonic Village, 1000 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143.

Copeland's Sewickley handled the arrangements.

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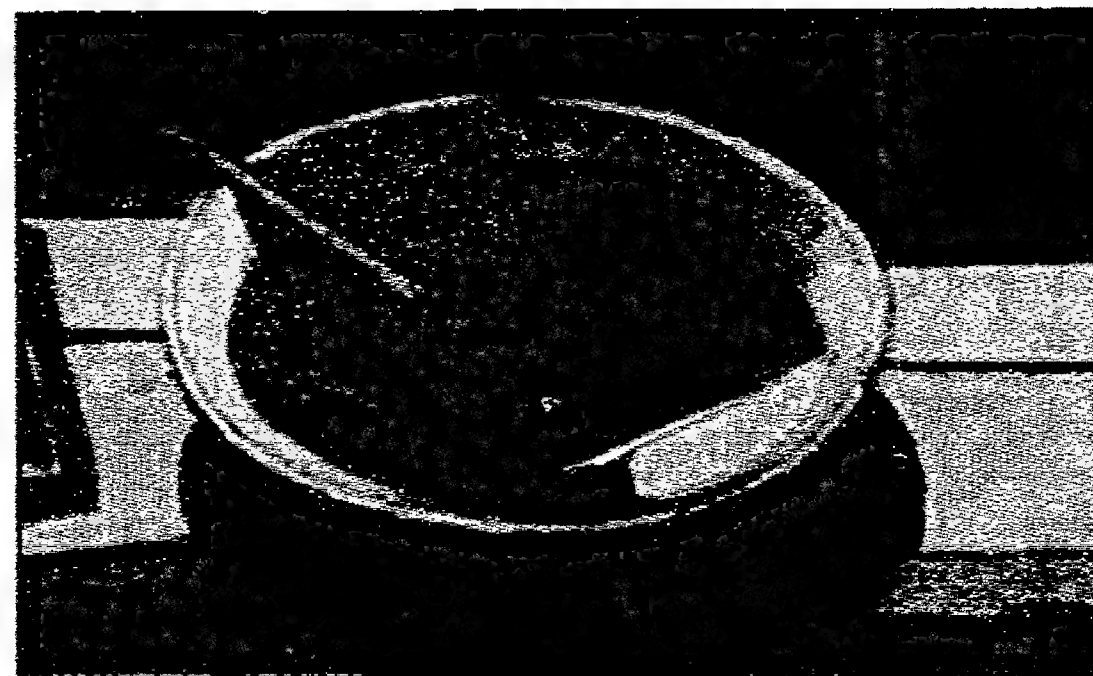
Relive the borough's glorious past with pictures from the Sewickley Herald's front pages in the 1970s.

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GIFT IDEAS



Artwork by Mark Mentzer

Gallery offers art for giving

Sewickley Gallery & Frame Shop is presenting two artists who have never before shown in Sewickley, Mark Mentzer and Leslie Dunahay.

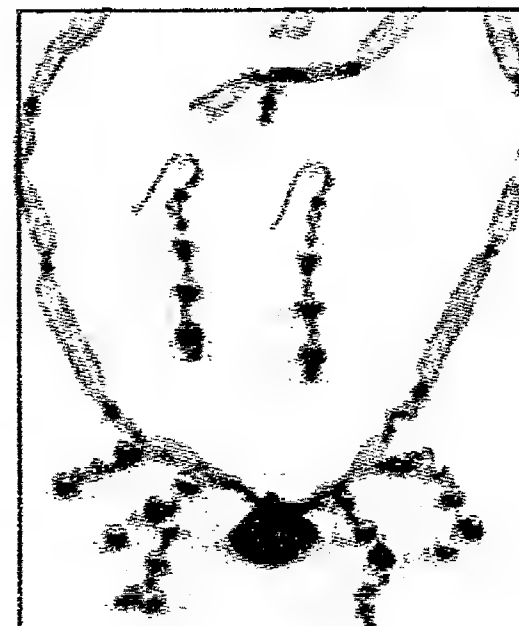
Their show will run through Dec. 24 with gallery hours Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Oil painter Mark Mentzer offers a variety of work including large cityscapes of Pittsburgh and small still lifes from around his studio.

To Mentzer, these are one and the same; in both subjects, he sees primarily shapes.

Shapes in the cityscapes repeat themselves in the smaller shapes of the objects on the tabletops. Some cityscapes appear as paintings within paintings, leaving the viewer unsure of whether he is looking out a window or at a painting casually propped up on a desktop.

All are architecturally rendered giving them a contemporary feel. His muted grays take on their surrounding colors and heighten the pure color accents.



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IN CONCERT

Students share holiday cheer

More than 500 students will take part in the two-week Quaker Valley School District holiday concert series that began on Dec. 7.

Upcoming are

• Osborne Elementary School Holiday Concert tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 in the Osborne multi-purpose room.

• Edgeworth Elementary

School (at Anthony Wayne) Holiday Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, in the Osborne Elementary multi-purpose room.

• Quaker Valley Middle School Holiday Chorus Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 19, in the high school auditorium.

All performances are free and open to the public.

SPORTS

LEADING OFF

Local bowling teams off to rough starts

Week two of the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Bowling League (WPIBL) was a tough one for local teams as the Quaker Valley and Sewickley Academy boys' and girls' teams were all defeated by 7-0 scores.

Quaker Valley squads fell to Ambridge, while Sewickley Academy dropped its matches to North Hills.

The losses dropped all four teams to 0-2 on the season.

Senior Greg Frederick leads the QV boys' with a 199.2 average through six games this season, which includes a 232 high game and 601 series.

The QV girls' are paced by freshman Shelby Fitzgerald, who has an average of 174 and a high game of 209 this season. She rolled a 556 series this past week.

The Sewickley Academy boys are led by sophomore Harmoan Deol, who has posted a 184 average.

The Lady Panthers high scorers this season have been senior Sonal Dewan, averaging 85 pins, and sophomore Maggie Dimnick, averaging 84 pins.

Today (Wednesday), Quaker Valley will host North Hills at Fair Oaks Bowl, at 3:15 p.m., and Sewickley Academy will travel to North Allegheny.

Kicking clinic

Tom Alper's Kicking Academy will conduct a clinic at the Duquesne University bubble on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for placekickers, punters and long-snappers.

For more information call 412-901-8096 or e-mail tomalperkicking@hotmail.com.

How to submit information

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TRIPLE THREAT

Ryan Courneen breaks Quakers' 3-point record

By Bill Hartlep

Sports editor

Two thousand, seven hundred and eighty-six feet.

The high school three-point arc is 19 feet, 9 inches from the rim.

If you tally the distance of three-point baskets that Quaker Valley senior Ryan Courneen has made during his four-year career as a Quaker, his shots have travelled 2,786 feet.

That's equal to almost 929 yards - more than 9 football fields of trifectas.

This may be a pointless statistic, but it is an interesting way to highlight how amazing an accomplishment this is. Last week, Courneen set the Quaker Valley school record for career three-point field goals made.

He surpassed the former record (138) and has continued on to 140 heading into this week's action.

"I'm happy and proud," Courneen said. "It's a good accomplishment. I made a lot of shots as a freshman. I just carried that on to the years after. I get a lot of open looks."

The local guard/forward comes off screens, squares up off the dribble and hits shots in defender's faces, but the open looks from behind the arc are generally the benefits of playing with Amir Johnson and Ryann Bradford.

Johnson draws help side defense when penetrating, allowing for kick outs to the wing where Courneen is waiting and willing to snap the nylon. Bradford also sees numerous double teams on the block, and is able to find his sharpshooting teammate with a talented trigger finger.

"He's the perfect fit," said coach Tom Demko. "It's a good 1-2-3 punch. You got Amir penetrating outside, running the show up top; Bradford down low, who can come out too; and then Courneen setting up outside. It's a nice balanced threat."

The triple threat has worked to perfection this season, as Quaker Valley has sprinted to wins over Aliquippa (87-56), Ambridge (61-58), OLSH (77-55) and Northgate (76-50).

"I'm pretty pleased," Demko said. "I'm happy with the way our intensity is. I'm pleased so far, but I know we can get better. We have to get better."

The 6-foot-3 swingman averaged 15 points per game as a sophomore and junior, but has developed as a more all-around player this season.

"I'm real pleased with (Courneen's)



QUAKER VALLEY senior Ryan Courneen's sharp shooting from behind the arc has helped propel the Quakers to a 4-0 start on the hardwood.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

maturity. It's nice to have him on the court," Demko said. "Teams have to worry about Amir and Ryann, and it's nice that they have to also worry about Courneen, because when they worry about Courneen, it opens things up. That's what we're trying to do, open the floor for these guys to take over."

Demko hopes to get his team to top form as the section schedule begins next week against South Fayette on Tuesday. Johnson, Bradford and Courneen will be counted on for major contributions, just as they were during last season's 27-3 campaign.

Courneen, the only four-year letter-winner on the squad, is a key component on the offensive and defensive ends, according to Demko.

"We definitely need him on the floor and in the game," said the fourth-year head coach. "He provides that perimeter threat for us. There's runs that we make during the course of a game, when the defense picks up the pres-

sure. It always seems that Ryan is a big part of those 9-1, 12-0 runs. There's usually a three-pointer in there. He and Amir spark that run."

Courneen added, "We all play well together, and run the floor together. I take pride in defense. I know if I shut my man down, and we have good team defense, then we're going to win a lot of games. If we hold the other team to a low score, and we take care of the ball on offense, we'll be just fine."

Now that Courneen has set the record for career three-pointers, the question is, how far can he go?

"Two hundred would be awesome," he said. "That's a lot though. My percentage has been pretty good. I'm trying to get it as high as I possibly can."

Averaging 45 three-pointers per season so far, Courneen could challenge the second century mark, especially on a team that is expected to go deep into the WPIAL playoffs.

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COACH KEVIN Quinn and the Quaker Valley hockey team have started the season 6-0, following last week's 3-2 overtime victory over Mars. The Quakers were scheduled to take on Sewickley Academy Monday, but results were unavailable at press time. Quaker Valley won the first matchup between the two rivals earlier this month by a score of 5-2.

YOUTH SPORTS

St. James boys' open with 57-point victory

Earlier this month, the St. James Cougars varsity team met SS John and Paul in the season opener and outscored them 66-9.

Everyone on the team scored, including Patrick Becht, Jamie Guiliani, Joey Indovina, Youtha Ny, Adam Schrecengost, Nick Cullo and Ben Stevenson. Keegan Mahaney was out with an injury, but will return to action this week.

The JV and JJV Cougars both played hard but fell short of a win by one basket.

The St. James Lady Cougars also won big on the road for their season opener.

The JV girls' team defeat-

ed defending champion St. John's of Monaca by a score of 24-22.

The Lady Cougars trailed by four points at the half, before coming back in the second half to record the win.

Madison MacDonald scored 12 points, MaKenzie Gallagher scored eight, Jessie Donohue and Amanda Habedank each had a hoop.

The St. James offense was supported by a strong full court press defense and hustle by all the players.

The girls' varsity and JJV teams both put up a good fight, but had to record a loss for their opening game against St. John's.

Lady Panthers fall just short in home opener

By Bill Hartlep

Sports editor

Saturday was the home opener for the Sewickley Academy Lady Panthers basketball team as it hosted the Mt. Pleasant Lady Vikings.

Sewickley Academy jumped out to an early lead, paced by a full court press defense that caused six turnovers in the first seven possessions for Mt. Pleasant.

The Lady Panthers were winning 8-0 before the Lady Vikings got on the board six minutes into the game.

The Lady Panthers controlled the boards and the paint on the shoulders of senior Maggie Sutherland and junior Kelly McCormick.

With 12 points between them, SA took an 18-16 advantage to the locker room at the half.

Sewickley struggled to score in the third quarter, managing only five points.

The Lady Panthers trailed for the first time with less than two minutes left in the game, 31-29.

The Lady Panthers would quickly tie the game on a powerful bucket by Sutherland.

After using most of the clock, the Vikings would score to take a two-point lead with 31 seconds left.

Sewickley Academy was unable to convert a last second shot, and lost the exhibition contest, 33-31.

"They worked so hard," said coach Casey Mohn.

"I give them so much credit. They didn't quit or back down. They played tough

GIRLS' HOOPS

defense. I was impressed."

Sutherland, who finished third in the state high jump last spring, led the Lady Panthers with an impressive double-double, scoring 13 points and pulling down 22 rebounds.

"Maggie is amazing," Mohn said.

"She's one of the toughest people I've met. In terms of rebounding, she's just everywhere. She can jump out of the gym. She's a very talented athlete."

Senior guard Elise Kaye dropped in eight points, and McCormick added eight of her own to go along with 15 rebounds.

"(Kelly) is a great player," said the first-year head coach.

"She works so hard - rebounding, always boxing out. She has a real nice shot and she's a leader out there."

Mohn said that the team needs to work on executing the press throughout the game, paying more attention to defense and getting good shots on the offensive end.

"We need to get better at defensive intensity and patience on offense," she said.

"If we run our motion through a couple times, we'll get wide open shots. This being only our second game, I'm really happy with how we played."

Sewickley Academy (0-2) will host Western Beaver tonight (Wednesday), at 7:30 p.m., at Snyder gym.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

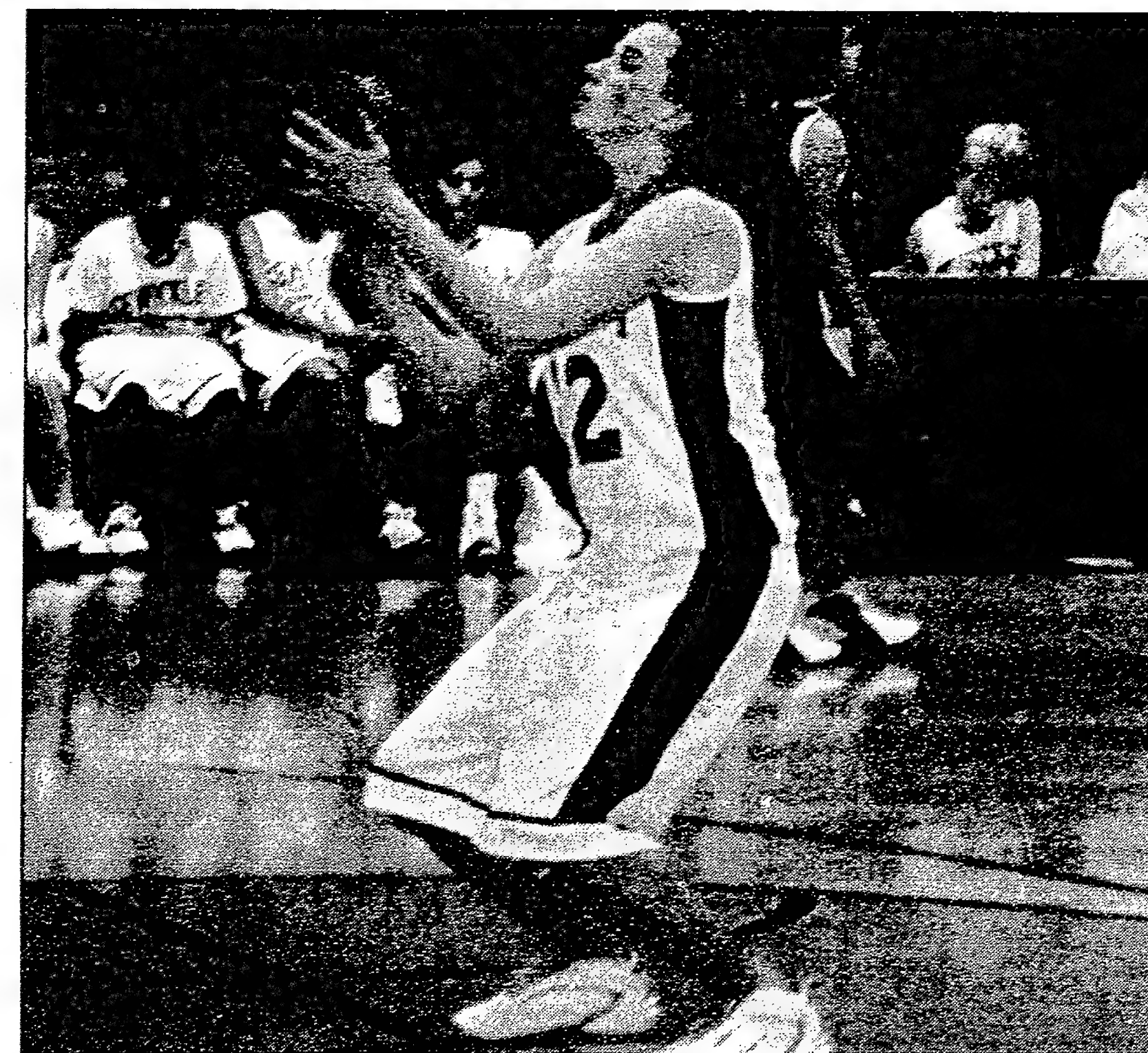
Quaker Valley sixth-grade team undefeated at 3-0

Quaker Valley sixth grade basketball team defeated Ambridge by a score of 53-23 last week. The team is undefeated with a record of 3-0.

Tyler Alt had 19 points, Steven Emch had eight points, Augie Luptak had six points, Joe Peduto had six points, Scott Sommers had five

points, Nathan Pawlik had four points, Sam Peduto, Robbie Love and Jamal Gloster each had two points and L.J. Westwood had one point. Marcus Royal and Jack Fecko each had four assists.

The fifth grade team lost its game, 30-20. The squad has a record of 1-3.

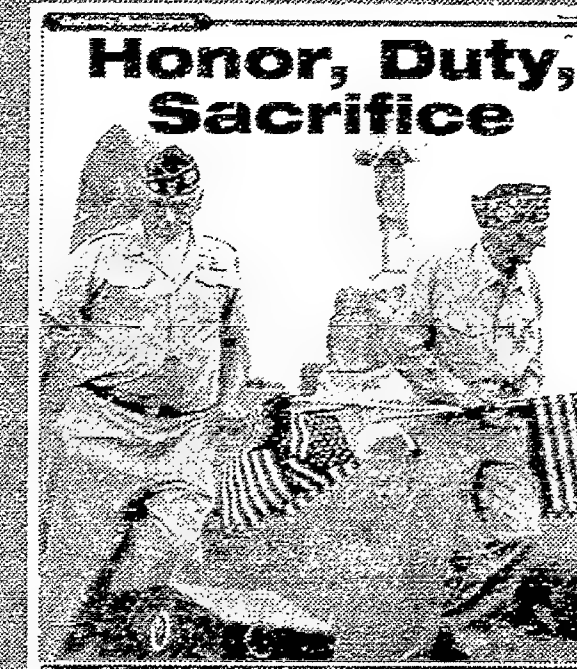


SEWICKLEY ACADEMY junior Kelly McCormick scored eight points and pulled down 15 rebounds in last week's 33-31 loss.

Photo by Bill Hartlep

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SWIMMING UPDATE

Teams split at Brentwood

The Quaker Valley and Sewickley Academy swim team took on Brentwood last week.

The girls' team won 92-59 in a meet, which was a tune up for this week's tough section meet against Freeport.

Drea Chamberlain took first in three events and swam her fastest time of the year in the 100 breaststroke. Freshmen Allison McKnight also had a solid meet by winning the 100 back and 200 free.

Freshman Sarah Gratton

received the cap of the meet for two tremendous performances in the 200 and 500 free. She swam a personal record in the 200 free and qualified for MACS in the event.

The boys lost 100-61 despite strong performances turned in by Nick Cheddar, who won the 100 free and by Ashton Kinney who won the 100 back.

The cap of the meet went to Benji Greenberger who swam a personal record in the 50 free, which he won, and he won the 100 fly in a close race.

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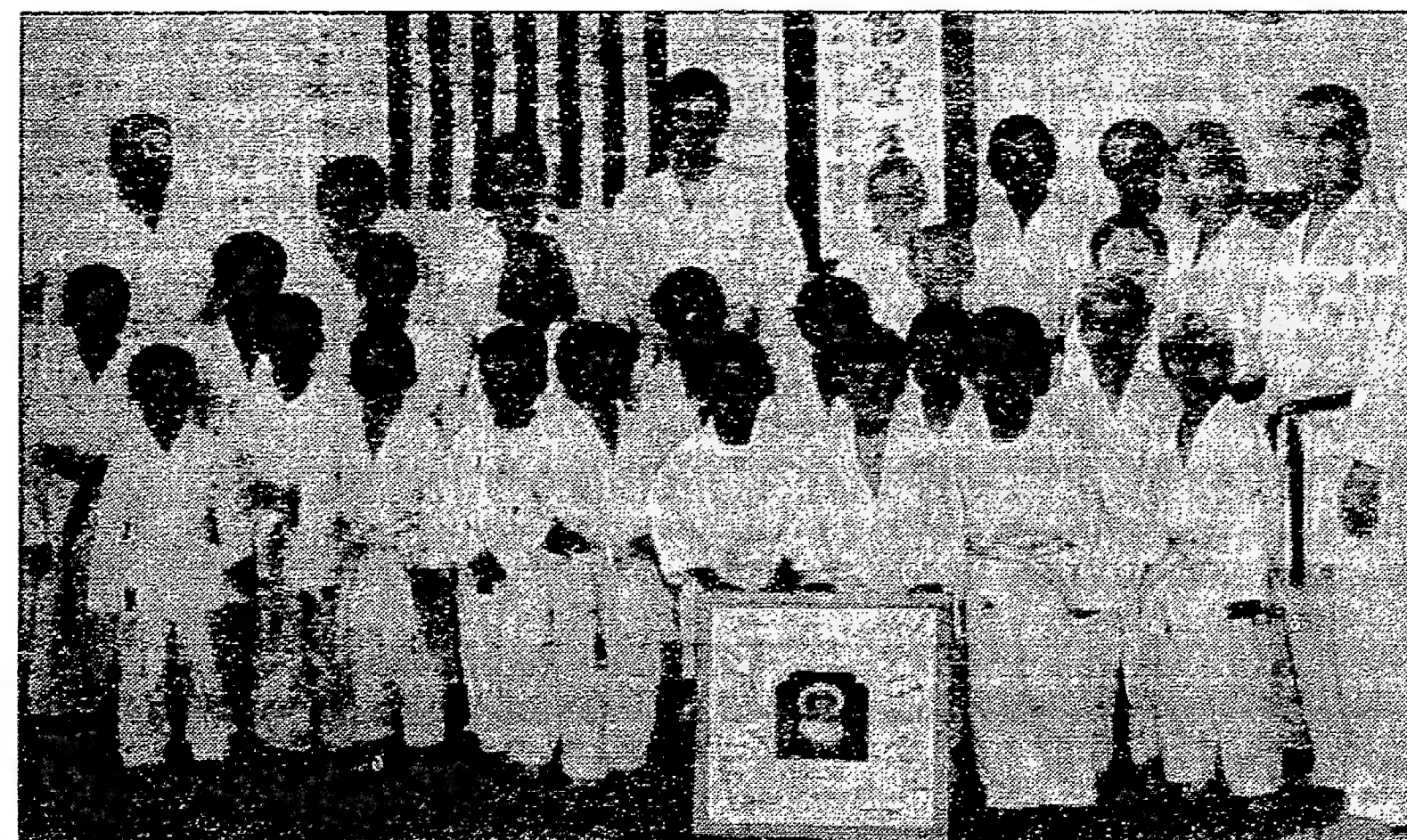
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Sewickley Shotokan Dojo raises donations to benefit local youth

The Pennsylvania Shotokan Karate Club held a kick and punch-a-thon fundraiser at the Sewickley Dojo earlier this month to benefit Mallory Oross.

Each participant completed 1,100 kicks and punches. Students gathered donations from sponsors.

Oross is 5 years old and was diagnosed with stage four Neuroblastoma last January.

She has had seven grueling chemotherapy treatments, the latest in preparation for a stem cell transplant, which took place in

August.

These stem cells were her own, harvested and frozen several months prior to the transplant.

She spent more than a month in the hospital recovering and is now undergoing radiation treatment.

Anyone who wishes to make a donation to benefit Mallory Oross can mail Lisa Baldis, c/o PSKC, "Mallory," 474 Chadwick St., Sewickley, PA 15143.

For more information, contact Baldis at 724-457-6116 or lmbaldis@comcast.net.

FALL SPORTS HONORS

All-Section selections include 13 locals

It was a great year for high school soccer in Sewickley as all four local teams advanced to the state playoffs.

The Sewickley Academy boys' team won a WPIAL Class A title and were honored for it with the selection of three players to the All-Section team for Section 3.

Quaker Valley boys were state runners-up this past season and four players were awarded All-Section in Section 5A.

Both girls' teams advanced to the WPIAL semifinals and three players from each team were recognized.

Sewickley Academy

Senior forward Jeff Bobish, junior goalkeeper Mick Zomnir and freshman forward Bobby O'Donnell were chosen from the Sewickley Academy boys' team.

Representing the Lady Panthers, fresh off a PIAA appearance, in Section 3AA were three seniors - defender Maggie Sutherland and mid-fielders Sam Borkovic and Brittany Urlick.

Quaker Valley

Section 5A was packed with talented players on the boys' side this season.

The Quakers finished undefeated in the section and had four selections to All-Section.

They were senior midfielder Trey Buvens, senior defender Ben Sopp, junior forward Adam Monteverde and junior midfielder Ryan Fetterolf.

Representing the state tournament qualifying Lady Quakers in Section 4AA were senior goaltender Robyn Burrows, junior forward Rebekah Zeffiro and junior midfielder Amy Dominguez.



SEWICKLEY REAL ESTATE

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Aroland features lots of great living space

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This plan offers nearly 4,000 square feet of living space, with almost 2,000 more devoted to attic storage and garages.

Inside the two-story foyer, a stairway wraps up the left side. Its landing forms a bridge that overlooks both the foyer and an equally high-ceilinged great room. This is a bright space.

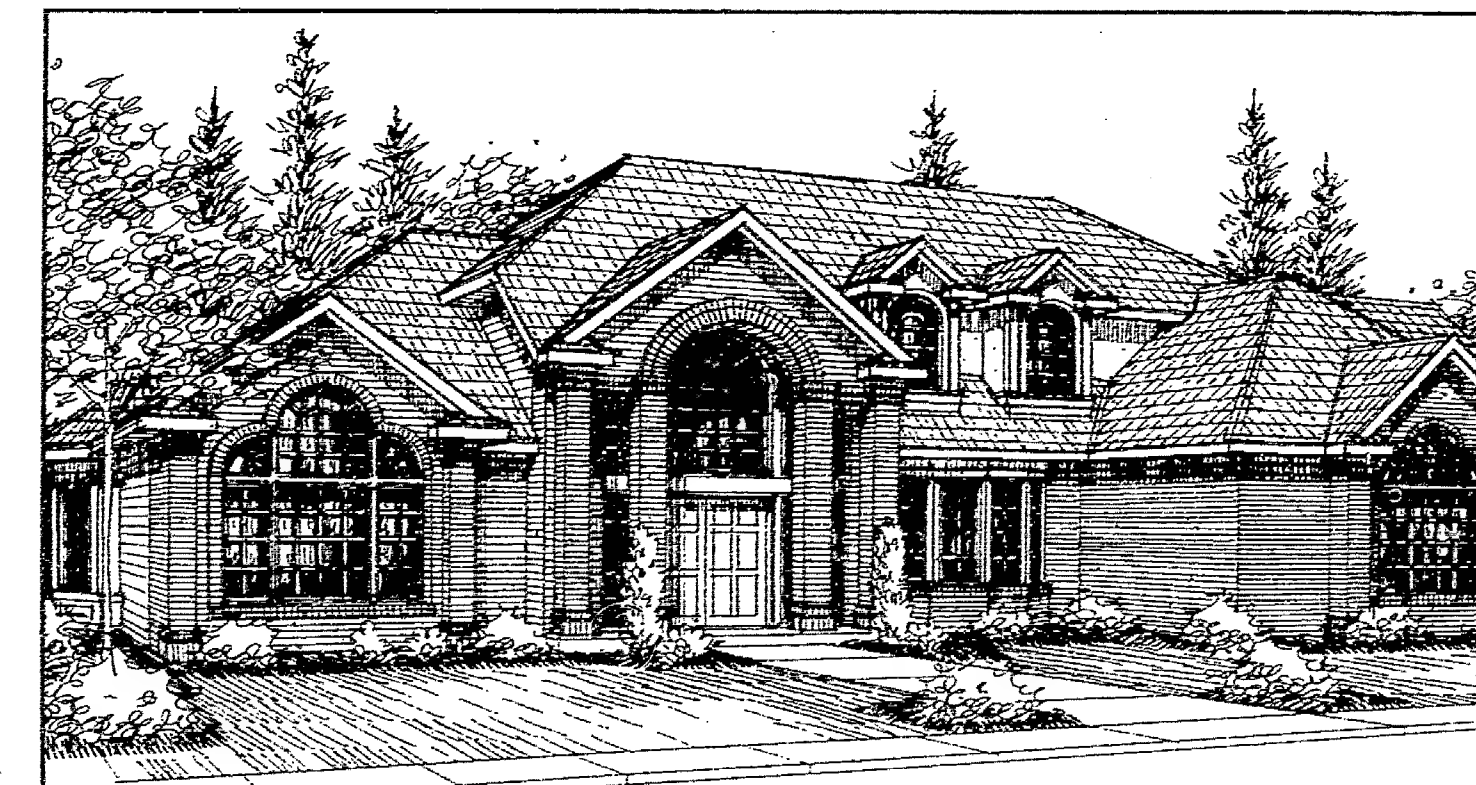
Two long, slender windows flank the fireplace, and double doors in the passageway to the family room open onto a large, partially covered patio.

A big, cheerful area, the vaulted family room is completely open to the kitchen. It has another fireplace, a home entertainment center and a sunny nook with glass doors.

A second stairway connects the family room to the second floor.

The kitchen has everything, including a huge walk-in pantry, work island and eating bar. There's even a built-in desk, nestled in the hallway that leads to the spacious utility room and elegant tray-ceilinged dining room. The vaulted den could be used as a home office.

Luxuries in the master suite include a



sitting bay, two roomy walk-in closets, and a skylit bathroom with two basins, custom shower, private toilet and a fold-down ironing board for last minute touch-ups.

Upstairs, the front bedroom has two window seats nestled in twin dormers and a private bathroom. The two rear bedrooms share a second skylit bathroom.

The Aroland's bonus room and attic space could be left as storage, or devel-

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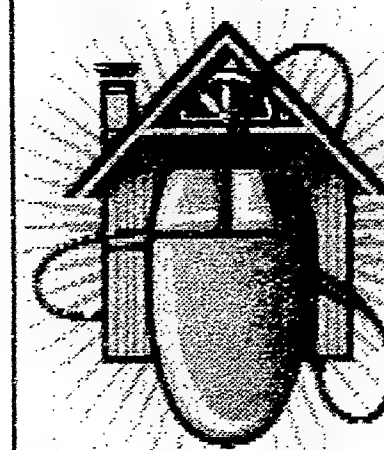


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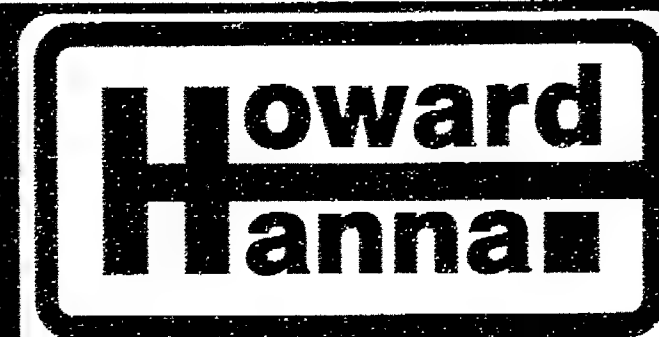
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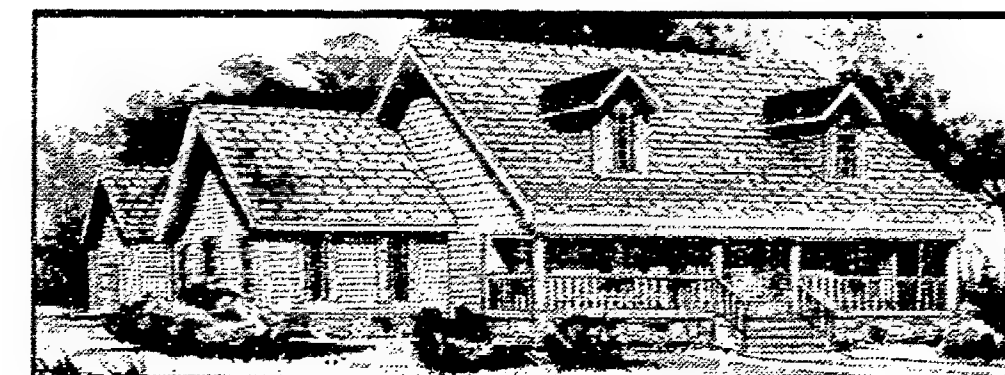
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<p>ALEPPO TOWNSHIP NEW LISTING Bright and inviting 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home located in "Sewickley Ridge". This home in decorated in neutral tones and offers an open floor plan. The living room is very spacious and features a gas log fireplace. There is also a large dining room. Well equipped kitchen and lower level game room. Wonderful rear deck and 2 car integral garage. Only minutes from Sewickley village. \$280,600</p>	<p>ALEPPO TOWNSHIP NEW PRICE This well maintained ranch style home offers great space and a beautiful lot just minutes from the Village. Features of this home include a large living room with a fireplace, a separate dining area, eat-in kitchen, family room and 3 bedrooms. There is an integral garage and much more. Available immediately. Now \$169,900</p>	<p>SEWICKLEY This exquisitely maintained Village Victorian style home offers wonderful historic interest and is a well preserved example of the Italianate style with 12' ceilings, decorative moldings and original woodwork. Bright and spacious with a large living room, handsome formal dining room, equipped kitchen, family room and den. There are 5 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Wonderful level lot. Detached garage. Call for more information \$470,000</p>
<p>EDGEWORTH This spectacular home has been totally renovated with the finest quality materials available and is located along a pretty tree-lined street in the heart of Edgeworth. Features of this fine home include a spacious living room, handsome formal dining room and a fully equipped eat-in kitchen with top of the line fixtures. There are 4 gas log fireplaces. The upper levels offer a total of 8 bedrooms and there are 4.5 baths. The large, level lot, is well landscaped. There is a 3 car detached garage and much more. Call for appointment. \$1,695,000</p>	<p>ALEPPO TOWNSHIP This well maintained home is located only minutes from the Village and has much to offer. Features include a large living room, dining room and an updated kitchen with maple cabinets and ceramic tile. There are 3 bedrooms including a first floor master bedroom. An updated bath, newer roof, updated electric service and heating system, inviting covered porches and nicely landscaped yard. \$125,000</p>	<p>SEWICKLEY Enjoy elegant living in this Village condominium. Convenient one floor living with a large living room, dining room, equipped kitchen and den. There are also 2 large bedrooms and 2 full baths. Centrally located with easy access to shopping and transportation. Security building with garage parking and elevator service. Professionally decorated. Call for appointment. \$410,000</p>
<p>EDGEWORTH Handsome 3 story brick home situated on a beautiful level lot along a pretty tree-lined street. Features of this home include a large living room, formal dining room, updated kitchen & cozy den. There are 5 spacious bedrooms & 3.5 baths. The rooms are large & formal & provide wonderful living space. There is also a newer furnace & central air conditioning. The inviting full length porch accents this fine home. 2 car garage & much more. Call for more information or to schedule an appointment. \$675,000</p>	<p>SEWICKLEY This beautifully renovated cottage style home offers an excellent Village location. Features include 2 bedrooms, a full bath, living room and kitchen. There is also a pretty courtyard. \$99,000</p>	<p>SEWICKLEY Handsome brick Colonial offering superb Village location and tucked away on a beautifully landscaped corner lot. The main floor features a spacious living room with a fireplace, an inviting formal dining room, a wonderful remodeled kitchen with top-of-the-line fixtures, a comfortable family room with a fireplace and a den. There are 5 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. The pretty rear patio is surrounded by mature plantings. 2 car attached garage and more. Call to arrange your appointment. \$745,000</p>
<p>EDGEWORTH "Hillcrest" This remarkable turn of the century home is truly an outstanding example of an exquisite restoration and is sited on 19+ acres of beautiful hilltop property with a year round view of the Ohio River valley. Spacious rooms include a fabulous living room with a FP, a well equipped ELK, family room, den & game room which are all located on the main level. There are 5 large BR's & 5 full & 2 BA's. 3 car integral garage & much more. Call for more details. \$1,650,000</p>	<p>SEWICKLEY Outstanding Village home has been updated throughout including a new kitchen with a breakfast area, adjacent family room with an attractive fireplace, large living room & formal dining room perfect for entertaining. There are 4 BR's, 2 full & 2 half BA's. Spacious lower level provides space for a game room, office, laundry area & utility room. There is a 9 car attached garage & nicely landscaped yard. Great location on a peaceful street \$409,000</p>	<p>CORAOPOLIS This handsome brick Victorian provides the opportunity to live on the 2nd and 3rd floors while collecting rent from the 1st floor which includes 2 oversized rooms with floor to ceiling windows, a large eat-in-kitchen & a full bath as well as a private entrance. The 2nd and 3rd floors consists of a master bedroom with built in drawers and lot of closet space. Beautiful landscaped lot \$199,900.</p>

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Exceptional home blending elegant detailing and sensible appointments for today's lifestyle. Two story entry, 4 seasons room, den, gameroom and 3 car garage. Pine Richland School District.

John Urban
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HOME CARE

Tips for safe use of fireplaces

Being good to the environment also means making sure your fireplace habits are safe and will not pose a danger to your home or your neighborhood.

Here are some tips —

- Clear the area around the fireplace and chimney.

Debris too close to the fireplace could cause a fire. Check the flue for obstructions like birds' nests, and trim any overhanging branches or large trees near the chimney.

- Always use a fireplace screen.
- Never overload the fireplace with too many logs.

Don't use the fireplace as an incinerator and never burn garbage, Christmas trees or piles of paper.

- Keep a fire extinguisher on hand and place smoke detectors throughout the house.

Test the smoke detectors and batteries regularly. See that the extinguisher is in good working order and that all family members know how to operate it.

- When building a fire, place logs at the rear of the fireplace, preferably on a grate.

- Never leave fire unattended. Be sure the fire is extinguished before you go to bed.

- Keep wood stacked, covered and out-of-doors, away from the house and off the ground.

Bring in only as much as you need for one evening to prevent insects that may be in the wood from entering your home.

Manufactured firelogs, which are packaged to eliminate insects and mess, also can prevent this problem.

- Have your fireplace inspected annually and cleaned when necessary by a CSIA Certified Chimney Sweep.

A dirty fireplace can cause chimney fires or contribute to air pollution. Your local CSIA Certified Chimney Sweep will diagnose your fireplace and recommend what it needs in order to burn cleanly and safely.

- Choose the right fuel.

In general, hardwood firewood (oak, madrone, hickory, ash, etc.) burns cleaner than softwood firewood (fir, pine, cedar, etc.).

Independent tests (conducted by Shelton Research Labs, Santa Fe, N.M.) have proven that manufactured firelogs burn much cleaner than firewood.

- Use seasoned wood, wood with a moisture content of less than 20 percent, burns much cleaner than green (high moisture content) wood.

Check with your cordwood supplier to make sure that the wood you purchase is seasoned.

- Burn smartly. Good fireplace habits can decrease fuel consumption in the home while maintaining the same level of warmth.

Make sure the fire gets enough air to burn



properly. Close the damper when the fire is out to keep warm room air inside.

- Minimize creosote buildup which causes chimney fires. Creosote is the black tarry or flaky substance formed in chimneys during the wood burning process.

While firewood leaves flammable creosote and carbon deposits on chimney walls, tests show firelogs leave significantly less creosote accumulation than wood.

- Make a fire that fits your fireplace.

A fire that's too large or too hot not only wastes fuel, it can crack your chimney.

- Keep your fireplace in good working condition.

If you notice any cracks in the chimney, and any loose mortar or brick, have your chimney repaired.

Have the chimney liner inspected for cracking or deterioration.

- Read and follow the label when using firelogs.

Use one firelog at a time, starting it with a fireplace at room temperature. Don't poke or break manufactured logs. This will cause them to crack apart, releasing their energy at a high rate and resulting in a shorter burn time.

Firelogs perform best when burned on a supporting fireplace grate with a maximum of three to four inches of space between support bars.

- If the fireplace is equipped with glass doors, leave them open while burning a firelog to allow proper draught and cleaner burning. Once you're sure the fire is extinguished, close the damper and glass doors to retain warm air inside the house.

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SEWICKLEY REAL ESTATE

HOME OF THE WEEK

Little Street home features Victorian-age charm

Nestled in downtown Sewickley, this proud Victorian home's beauty captures the attention and admiration of all who pass by.

Sharing the picturesque streets with other luxury homes, it finds itself only a few short blocks and within walking distance of Sewickley Village.

This stunning home sits on a corner lot and features a turn-of-the-century charm with its double, bricked exterior walls, elegant and stunning roof line and unique corniced windows.

The mature and colorful plants and flowers complement the well manicured grounds with its two sets of

steps from the sidewalk to the home. It is a perfect setting for a lawn party or just relaxing.

The front of the home boasts a rounded, front porch with two entrances and five columns which invite you back to the days of yesteryear and the peace of porch sitting.

The entrance features a charming vestibule and a set of stairs that take you to the second floor.

The woodwork is original and the floors are hardwood.

Character and charm are evident and describe the interior of this home with its rounded bedroom walls and triple windows.

A second set of stairs take



you from the outside to the kitchen and up to the attic where three rooms and a full bath are found that once housed servants.

Used now as a three unit home, this six-bedroom, three-bath home is waiting for that special person to add fabulous touches and detail to enhance its beauty even more.

This home, located at 238 Little St., Sewickley, is being offered for \$495,000 by Coldwell Banker Real Estate-Airport, 6305 University Boulevard, Moon Township.

For more information on this property, call Paul Musko 412-264-8300, Ext 403, or visit Paul.Musko@pittsburghmoves.com.

IN THE NEWS

Howard Hanna reports high sales for October

Howard Hanna Real Estate Services reports excellent results for the month of October with a volume of \$1,560,629,255 representing an 18 percent increase over the same time period last year.

"October continued to be another excellent month for us. Our associates are doing a fabulous job following up on sales leads, converting inquiries into closed sales and pricing listings accurately for the current market," said Howard W. "Hoddy" Hanna III, chairman and CEO of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services.

This figure includes listings as well as written and closed sales volume of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services and Howard Hanna Smythe Cramer, Barristers Title Company, the closed mortgage loans of Howard



Hanna Mortgage, and Howard Hanna Insurance.

The Fox Chapel Office led the entire company with a collective volume of \$29,177,424; followed by the Mt. Lebanon Office with \$21,635,656; followed by the Shadyside Office with \$19,005,300.

Among the company-wide individual Leaders for October were Betty Moraca, Sewickley, as a listing volume leader with \$3,189,000.

Karl Owens, also of the Sewickley office, was named a listing unit leader with 7.

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Written by "Back Home." Read by Sewickley.

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Leora has her own blog on YourSewickley.com. Appropriately enough, her handle is "Back Home." See what she – and many of your neighbors – have to say on the site. Check out their news, views, photos. And then start your own blog. Your friends want to hear from you. They think you moved away.

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— Leadership, learning are indispensable —

(ARA) - Business leaders at companies of all sizes are now required to adapt to change quickly and effectively as a result of evolving technology, an increasingly global economy, and what some consider an overdue focus on ethical business practices. To address just such leadership issues, four noted business authors recently participated in a unique virtual roundtable dedicated to highlighting how today's leaders can help their organizations not only survive but thrive during uncertain and changing times. Here are some tips from that conversation, which was held live via videoconference and sponsored by Kinko's, Sprint and HarperBusiness.

From Risks to Rewards

As difficult as it may seem, leadership expert Geoffrey Moore, author of "Crossing the Chasm" believes businesses have to plan for uncertainty.

"We're going to live with this uncertainty for a very long time," said Moore. He noted that companies have to allocate resources to risk and to take risks much more seriously than they have in the past. Part of this new thinking involves a shift in what companies value.

"We should value inertia, not just nimbleness," he asserted. "So the fact that you are on a course that's hard to change isn't all bad if the alternative is to spin out of control."

Leadership Starts at the Top

While the goal of every company is to make a profit, good leaders realize the need to focus beyond their own success to that of their organization and its employees. "The essence... is the need for a shift from executives who see it as ultimately about ambition for themselves, really getting back to being ambitious for their companies," noted Jim Collins, co-author of

"Built to Last."

According to Collins' co-author, Jerry Porras, leaders need to establish a new sense of ideology, a core set of values and a sense of purpose. "What are the values that are inviolate? What are the values that they will never contradict?" asked Porras. Once senior executives are clear on their governing principles, these guidelines set the stage for future decisions. "When things come up that no one could predict, they can step back and say, 'What would our values tell us about how to behave? How might we behave most effectively in achieving our purpose in the context of this new situation?'" said Porras.

Porras also noted that corporate boards of directors must take a greater leadership role. "Boards have to play a much more critical role. They have to make sure that when they are hiring CEOs they're looking at

issues such as integrity, as well as that individual's track record as important points for them to make decisions on."

Empowering Employees

Great leadership isn't just about numbers and shareholders. "Employees are going to have to be brought back into the game, and that's by building leaders at all levels of the organization. That responsibility rests on the part of every leader being a teacher," said Noel Tichy, author of "The Leadership Engine."

Tichy sees a renewed focus on training the next generation of leaders. "I think we're going to see a tremendous focus on leadership and leadership development in most of our business institutions over the next few years," he predicts. "This is especially important during times when the only certainty is uncertainty."

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BID NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Findlay Township Municipal Authority announces that Newman Plumbing Inc. of Zelienople, PA has received the contract for replacing all water meters and/or radio reading devices throughout Findlay Township. Newman Plumbing will be contacting all water accounts, starting this month of December and into the New Year. Commercial accounts will be done first, followed by pit installations then residential accounts. These new meters and radio reading devices are being installed at no cost to our customers, to upgrade our system, reduce labor costs and provide a more accurate accounting to you our valued customer. If you have any questions, please call us at (724) 695-3108. (3082012, 12-14-05)

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MEETING NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
NEVILLE TOWNSHIP
Uniform Construction Code
Appeals Board

The Neville Township Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board will hold a hearing on December 14, 2005 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

The hearing is called at the request of the Paradise Island / Corpen Bowling Lanes at 7601 Grand Avenue, Neville Island for the purpose to request relief from the Building Code requirement to install sprinkler heads in the bowling lanes.

Henry Miller, Solicitor
UCC Appeals Board
(3077420, 12-07, 12-14-05)

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Zoning Hearing Board, Borough of Sewickley, will hear the following appeals and/or variances for the same on January 3, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 601 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA 15143.

Sylvia Juren, owner, of the property at 308 Logan St. Block & Lot #421-E-98, in the R-1A Zoning District, purposes to erect an addition and seeks relief from Chapter 27 of the Sewickley Code of Ordinances Part 2 Section 208 Table 2 (Dimensional Requirements).

People who wish to comment, may do so at the above-scheduled public hearing. A copy of the Sewickley Borough Zoning Code is available for public use at the Sewickley Public Library or at the Borough Manager's office. The Building or Permit application is available for review at the Office of Building Inspections.

Michael M. Lyons
Zoning Hearing Board
Borough of Sewickley
(3082154, 12-14, 12-21-05)

FINDLAY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Findlay Township Municipal Authority's Regular Meetings for the year 2006, unless otherwise advertised, will be held on the Fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Findlay Township Municipal Building, 1271 Route 30, Clinton PA 15026.

Specific dates for the Regular Meetings are:

January 23, 2006	July 24, 2006
February 27, 2006	August 28, 2006
March 27, 2006	September 25, 2006
April 24, 2006	October 23, 2006
May 22, 2006	November 27, 2006
June 26, 2006	December 19, 2006

*The Regular Monthly Meeting for December 19, 2006 will be the 3rd Tuesday. Any additional Meeting or Workshop schedule changes will be advertised separately.

Also scheduled for the year 2006 are the Workshop Meetings on the second Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Findlay Township Municipal Building, 1271 Route 30, Clinton PA 15026.

Specific dates for the Workshop Meetings are:

January 9, 2006	July 10, 2006
February 13, 2006	August 14, 2006
March 13, 2006	September 11, 2006
April 10, 2006	October 9, 2006
May 8, 2006	November 13, 2006
June 12, 2006	December 11, 2006

The FTMA Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. in the Findlay Township Municipal Building, 1271 Route 30, Clinton PA.

(3082098, 12-14-05)

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MEETING NOTICES

NEVILLE TOWNSHIP
ZONING HEARING BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE

The Neville Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a Hearing at the request of Ronald Rokicki, d/b/a Rokicki Auto Service, is requesting a variance under Permitted Uses, Mr. Rokicki would like to put an auto repair shop on the property.

The Hearing will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building. All persons interested in said hearing are invited to be present at the above time and place and you will have an opportunity to be heard.

Walter London
Chairman
(3077438, 12-07, 12-14-05)

NEVILLE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Township of Neville will hold a Public Meeting on Thursday, December 22, 2005 at 7:30 PM.

Denise Moore
Township Secretary
(3079445, 12-14-05)

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
ORDINANCE NOTICE

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY WILL CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE, CHANGING THE HOURS WHICH PARKING IS PROHIBITED DURING STREET CLEANING FOR THE WEST SIDE OF BROAD STREET AT A PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 601 THORN STREET, SEWICKLEY, PENNSYLVANIA, ON DECEMBER 19, 2005 AT 7:30 PM.

The title and summary of the proposed ordinance are as follows:

TITLE
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 15, PART 4, SECTION 409, BY CHANGING HOURS WHEN PARKING IS PROHIBITED ON THE WEST SIDE OF BROAD STREET.

SUMMARY
The proposed ordinance will permit the Borough of Sewickley to clean the west side of Broad Street, from Thorn Street to Ohio River Boulevard, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on Thursday.

A copy of the proposed ordinance may be examined in the office of the Borough of Secretary, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Kevin M. Flannery
Borough Manager/Secretary
(3081905, 12-14-05)

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
ORDINANCE NOTICE

In re: Laurie Lewis, Plaintiff vs. Joseph Avon, Defendant, No. 05-00884-003, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. To: Joseph Avon, Defendant in the above-captioned divorce action. A Complaint in Divorce and Plaintiff's Affidavit under Section 3301(d) of the Divorce Code has been filed by your spouse, Laurie Lewis. A Notice of Intervention to Request Entry of a Divorce Decree will also be filed by Plaintiff, Laurie Lewis.

You have been sued in Court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take prompt action. You are warned that if you fail to do so, the case may proceed without you and a Decree of Divorce or Annulment may be entered against you by the Court. A judgment may also be entered against you for any other claim of relief requested in these papers by the Plaintiff. You may lose money, property or other rights important to you, including custody or visitation of your children. When the ground for the divorce is indignities or irretrievable breakdown of marriage, you may request marriage counseling. A list of marriage counselors is available in the office of the Prothonotary of Allegheny County, 1st Floor City-County Building, 414 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICE TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.

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412-261-0518

Max C. Feldman, Esquire, Attorney for Plaintiff, 1322 Fifth Avenue, Coraopolis, PA 15108 (412) 262-6181.

(3082968, 12-14-05)

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
ORDINANCE NOTICE

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY WILL CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW DOMESTIC RATES, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL RATES AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SUCH RATES. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE NEVILLE TOWNSHIP SEWER RATE ORDINANCE OF 2006.

The title and summary of the proposed ordinance are as follows:

TITLE
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE RECISSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG NORTHWEST REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER ADJOINING MUNICIPALITIES, AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION, INCLUDING REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES, AT A PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 601 THORN STREET, SEWICKLEY, PENNSYLVANIA, ON DECEMBER 19, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M.

The proposed ordinance rescinds Borough of Sewickley Ordinance No. 1171, which authorized the Borough of Sewickley participation into Northwest Regional Communications for emergency and non-emergency public safety dispatching. With Northwest Regional Communications being absorbed into Allegheny County 9-1-1 Operations, Northwest Regional Communications can disincorporate.

A copy of the proposed ordinance may be examined in the office of the Borough Secretary, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Kevin M. Flannery
Borough Manager / Secretary
(3081938, 12-14-05)

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CIVIC NOTICES

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(3082968, 12-14-05)

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES

NEVILLE TOWNSHIP
LEGAL NOTICE

The Neville Township Board of Commissioners will consider adoption of an Ordinance establishing amending rates for sewer service at their Regular Meeting in January. Said meeting to be held on January 12, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. at the Neville Township Municipal Building, 5050 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania.

The title and summary of the proposed Ordinance are as follows:

TITLE
An Ordinance of the Township of Neville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, amending ordinance no. 761 imposing sewer charges establishing new domestic rates, industrial and commercial rates and establishing an effective date for such rates. This ordinance shall be known as the Neville Township Sewer Rate Ordinance of 2006.

SUMMARY
The proposed Ordinance establishes new sewer rates for 2006.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance may be examined in the office of the Township Secretary, without charge, Monday thru Friday, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

Denise Moore
Township Secretary
(3082482, 12-14-05)

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by Bobby Hamilton

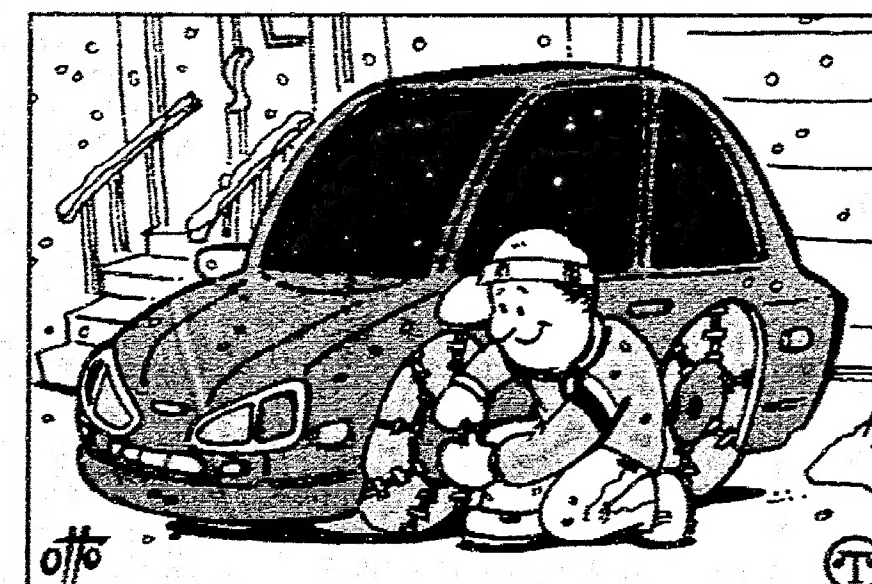
(NAPSI)-Getting ready for winter weather can help take the worry out of winter driving.

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Follow these basic guidelines to enjoy a safer ride:

- Go under the hood and make sure your car is in proper working order. Check the battery, brakes, lights/hazards, heater and defroster. Also, check the fluid level on your wipers and antifreeze.

- Pack it up: Pack emergency supplies for the road, just in case you get stuck. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration suggests you have a flashlight, jumper cables, shovel, snow brush, ice scraper,



Your winter-driving checklist should include your car's battery, brakes, lights, heater, defroster, fluid levels and antifreeze.

warning devices (such as flares), blankets and a small bag of sand or cat litter to generate traction under wheels. And for long trips, it's a good idea to bring food and water.

- Plan ahead: Allow plenty of time so you're not in a rush. Watch television or listen to radio reports for the latest weather conditions. Try to travel in daylight hours and let others know the route you're taking.

- Buy good winter tires: While all-weather radials are fine in some areas, other locations require chains or snow tires with studs for safe driving. Make sure your tires have enough tread life. The Rubber Manufacturers Association suggests placing a penny, Lincoln head down, in the tread groove. Consider buying new tires if you can see all of Lincoln's head.

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- If you get stuck, stay put. If your car gets stuck in ice or snow, stay in your vehicle. Don't leave the car to search for assistance unless help is visible within 100 yards.

Bobby Hamilton is the current NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Champion after achieving four career NASCAR Winston Cup Series victories. He is also a spokesman for AutoVantage.

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